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ALBERTANS NOW FACE TWO ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

Livestock Improvement Conference Opens Today

CAMPAIGN BEGINS FOR FEDERAL VOTE, POLL MARCH 26th

Provincial Election Seems Probable
Before New Dominion Par-
liament Assembles

DATE NOT SET

King Appeals to Country—Manion
Talks Government With Major
Parties Represented

MANION STATES PLANS

(From Leader's Ottawa Correspondent)

OTTAWA, Feb. 1st.—Dr. Manion advised your correspondent today that if he wins, "I intend as far as possible that both the old parties and if practicable all important parties in the House of Commons shall be represented in it. At any rate, no outstandingly able man would be kept out of such Government because of his party affiliations. Leaders in business and industry would necessarily be included." Labor and agriculture, he said, should be represented by men of practical knowledge in their fields.

By M. McDUGALL

OTTAWA, Jan. 31st.—The spectacular dissolution of Parliament within four hours of the reading of His Majesty's representative's speech at the opening of a new session, is still something of a nine days' wonder. But this is a time of great international events and of great underlying apprehension over what the future has in store. So surprise and even the indignation felt in some quarters over the Government's action are more subdued than they would otherwise be.

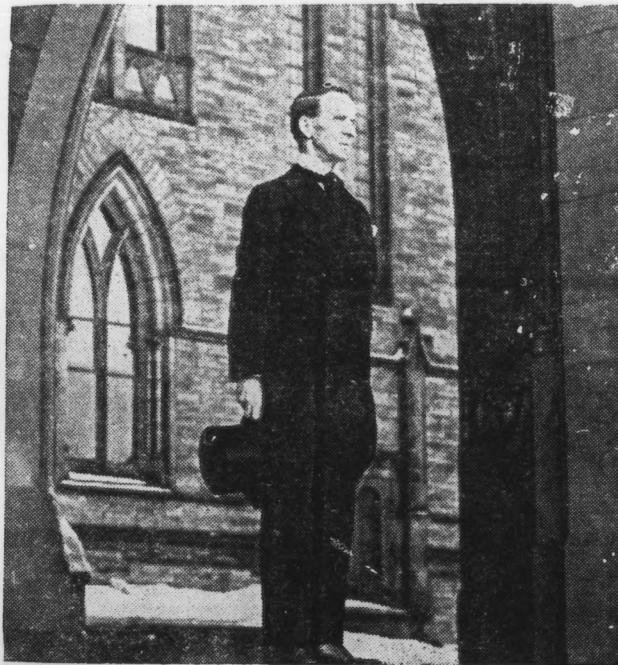
Will Be Aired at Hustings

But this does not mean that the protest, expressed by Dr. Manion and Mr. Woodsworth in the House of Commons when the announcement had been given that there would be an early election and that Parliament therefore would not have the opportunity of reviewing the Government's activities since the opening of the war, will not be fully aired and emphasized in the electoral campaign. Party caucuses have strongly supported the stand of these two opposition leaders, who held that the Government should have given an account of its stewardship of the nation's affairs in this hour of stress and danger, to the elected representatives of the people.

Prime Minister's Position

The position taken by Prime Minister Mackenzie King is that he had intended and "would have welcomed" an opportunity to explain the Government's policy to Parliament, but that the vote of censure passed by the Ontario Legislature, and the speeches of Dr. Manion and Mr. Woodsworth, convinced him it would be useless to

He Opened and Dissolved Parliament



Lord Tweedsmuir, Jan. 25th, performed two important acts of his office in quick succession. The traditional speech from the throne was one of the briefest on record. A few hours later, at the request of the prime minister, he signed the order for dissolution of parliament. The Governor-General is shown here as he attended the opening.

Alberta Session Date Is Advanced, Premier Hints Election Coming Quickly

The Alberta Legislature will convene on February 8th, instead of the 15th. A statement by Premier Auerhart strongly hints that a Provincial general election will be held before Parliament convenes in April. Reports from Edmonton mention March 21st as a probable date.

go on. He would have immediately dissolved Parliament after the Ontario Legislature voiced its criticism of the Dominion Government, but he had given an engagement that he would not take this step before calling Parliament together. The Prime Minister claims that the record of his party has been good, but that it is impossible to carry on "with a battle on three fronts," the battle in the military lines, a verbal struggle in the floor of the House and the electoral campaign.

The Prime Minister and most at least of his colleagues will not take as active a part in the campaign, as they would normally have done, on account of the war. "I cannot conceive," said the Prime Minister, "how

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TWO BODIES WILL MEET TO CONSIDER CAMPAIGN POLICY

Boards of U.F.A. and Central
Alberta Livestock Assn. to
Hold Sessions

CONVENTION OUTCOME

Seek Improvement in Quality of
Production and Combat
Animal Diseases

With a view to co-ordination of effort in a Province-wide campaign of livestock improvement, including eradication of bot fly and warble fly, and, in general to supporting each other in bringing about better conditions for the farming industry of the Province, the boards of the Central Alberta Livestock Association and U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association are meeting in U.F.A. Central Office, Calgary, today, Friday, February 2nd.

Tentative approaches on these questions were made during the course of the recent Annual U.F.A. Convention in Edmonton. It is felt that U.F.A. Locals might take a more active part in efforts to improve the quality of livestock, combatting animal diseases and pests, and in giving support to the drive for improvement of seed, etc. A feature of recent U.F.A. conventions has been the recognition of winners in the great national and international agricultural exhibitions.

Not Reverse English But Reverse Nazi

A broadcast of the German rebel station picked up in Rome, states that the Nazis who completely wiped out all co-operative societies and activities in Germany have offered, and in some cases already are so doing, to SUBSIDIZE Rumanian co-operatives in order to hurry up supplies for German war purposes.

The establishment of a Provincial Bank, as planned by his Government, will be delayed by the decision to hold a Federal General Election in March, said Premier Auerhart on Sunday, since this may make it impossible to get a charter "before May, June or even July."

If the U.S. places an embargo on Japanese goods, it will be necessary for the Japanese army to "reconsider appropriate steps," said General Homma in Tientsin.

Japanese emissaries in Hungary are endeavoring to arrange a new anti-Comintern pact, says a despatch from Budapest.

To Consider Embargo

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31st.—Placing of an embargo on Japanese trade will shortly be considered by the Senate foreign relations committee, said the chairman, Senator Pittman, adding that these measures would depend on Japanese treatment of American interests in China. Since expiry of the trade agreement commerce has been on a day to day basis only.

The Japanese display growing resentment over the removal, by a British warship, of 21 Germans from the Japanese liner *Asama Maru*, Foreign Minister Arita informing the British Ambassador in Tokio on Tuesday that return of the men was "essential." Electrification of barricades around French and British concessions at Tientsin is another indication of tense feeling.

Misery and disorder "beyond description" are said to exist in the Lublin "Jewish Reservation" in Poland—a marshy, sterile district. Hundreds of thousands of Jews are being moved there by the German authorities, with no means of leaving and little or no means of getting food and shelter.



"Winter Holiday"



By AMELIA TURNER SMITH

SOME of the cynics who despise all conventions and conferences describe them as "endless talking and endless passing of resolutions that mean little and get nowhere"; others smilingly and more tolerantly describe them as just "winter holidays."

Looking on at the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Conventions in Edmonton last week, I thought there might be some aptness in the latter description, if the word "just" be eliminated. For of course the four days were packed with important business for delegates and officers; and there is no other Convention held in Alberta where the attendance is so steady and regular.

But most of the farm men and women and young people in the convention halls and in the lobbies of the Macdonald seemed to be enjoying themselves. I imagine they felt, as I did, that a little change from the daily routine, and something different to see, were very welcome.

And the farm people are so sociable. Occasionally while Convention was in session one would catch smiles of recognition, and notice the handshakes and whispered greetings of friends. As for the main lobby and the mezzanine floor, a reception seemed to be in progress all day long and all evening too. Groups of people were sitting and standing, in conversation, some-

times earnest discussion, sometimes friendly chat, and sometimes—Perhaps—just a bit of gossip.

This renewing of old friendships and making of new ones was carried on at mealtimes, so that there were no interruptions during the day. Everywhere in the restaurants, apart from the high lights of constituency luncheons and banquets, one saw groups of delegates and convention visitors. Everyone enjoyed the sociability of every meal.

The big Thursday night dance was quite frankly a social event pure and simple. True, some of the incurably serious talked high policy in the lobby, but surely there could have been little or no serious conversation in the big dining-room itself—the convention hall and ballroom. The excellent dance orchestra, inviting one's feet to the dance with every beat, the surging crowd, the din of talking and laughing, drove every serious thought away. This was a place for dancing, for chatting, for joking, for enjoyment. The listeners to the radio, I understand, were entertained and enlightened by the radio messages, but we at the dance itself heard nothing of them; neither those from our own hall nor the replies from outside places. A group of us pressed up close to the

Urge Federal Debt Act Machinery in Alberta Be Retained in Full Force

Retention in Alberta of the provisions of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, with its machinery unimpaired, is being urged upon the Dominion Government by the U.F.A. Central Board. Meeting in Edmonton, the Board decided to write Hon. R. L. Ralston, Minister of Finance, to stress the importance of this matter, in view of the great need for adjustment of farmers' debts which continues in this Province. At the U.F.A. Convention, Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., gave warning that determined efforts were likely to be made in certain quarters to have the act made inoperative. This is one of the matters he is now taking up at Ottawa in behalf of the U.F.A.

microphones, and we saw Mr. Jack Sutherland and the C.B.C. men speaking, it appeared quite loudly, but we heard not a murmur.

Yes, the dance was frankly planned for enjoyment and everyone enjoyed it, as they did the odd show and the bit of shopping that were squeezed in somehow. Hours of sleep were whittled down drastically, but one can always sleep at home.

And even in the serious discussions of the Convention there are comic incidents, witty thrusts and those introductory funny stories that so many of the U.F.A. speakers use to such good effect.

All in all, maybe the Convention does provide a winter holiday.

But who says a winter holiday isn't a good thing? Surely it's good for the people attending, and though it's almost as bad as putting a moral to a story to see a serious use in a good time, it may well be that the social life provided by the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Conventions serves an extremely good purpose. In addition to providing an antidote for the isolation of farm life—still very real even though much less than a few decades ago—such pleasant and friendly contacts with so many different people from widely scattered points must be stimulating and broadening. They must make it easier for farmers to do what they used to say was impossible—to stick together. They must make easier the learning of democratic ways of doing and living.

All that is distinctly worth while. And meanwhile, at least one of the lookers-on is all in favor of winter holidays—such as the one that took place in Edmonton, January 16th to 19th.

Opportunity Given For Study Groups

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

NEW YORK, Jan. 31st.—Announcement has been made that a number of important and influential bodies in the United States, under the guidance of Professor James T. Shotwell of Columbia University, are sponsoring the formation of study groups in connection with the National Committee of Youth. The purpose is to study peace aims.

Study groups are urged to formulate their conclusions and to submit the result with a prospect of winning prizes up to the value of \$300.

Information can be obtained by writing to the Commission for the Study of the Organization of Peace, 8 West Fortieth Street, New York City. Each Saturday afternoon at 4:30, M.S.T., Prof. Shotwell and others will broadcast addresses on the subject over the Columbia network.

The London Labor Party from 1914 to 1939 increased its representation in Parliament from 2 to 27; on the London County Council from 2 to 88; on Borough Councils from 42 to 873.

She Pays to Be Single



Thirty per cent of Eve Curie's income goes to the French government. It's the price the daughter of the discoverer of radium, like all French spinsters, must pay for single blessedness.

Directors for 1940

Directors of the United Farmers of Alberta and the United Farm Women of Alberta for the year 1940, were elected at the recent Annual Convention of the Association in Edmonton as follows:

Acadia: J. K. Sutherland, Hanna; Mrs. J. K. Sutherland, Hanna.
Athabasca: P. S. Beatt, Westlock; Mrs. G. Dieffenbaugh, Westlock.
Battle River: A. B. Wood, Riverton; Mrs. Frank Redmond, Edgerton.
Bow River-West Calgary: Geo. E. Church, Balzac; Mrs. E. A. Wagler, Standard.
Camrose: Carl Colvin, Sedgewick; Mrs. A. Payne, Stettler.
Lethbridge: Lester Lee, Woolford; Miss M. Coupland, Lethbridge.
Jasper-Edson-West Edmonton: J. M. Bentley, N. Edmonton; Mrs. M. Lowe, St. Albert.
Macleod - East Calgary: M. H. Ward, Arrowwood; Mrs. W. Oldfield, Vulcan.
Medicine Hat: Robt. McManus, Rainier; Mrs. R. B. Williamson, Scandia.
Peace River: H. W. Allen, Hualien; Mrs. B. A. Bailey, Fairview.
Vegreville: R. Hennig, Fort Saskatchewan; Miss E. Lethian, Ranfurly.
Red Deer: Ronald Pye, Penhold; Mrs. E. R. Ironsides, Blackfalds.
Wetaskiwin - East Edmonton: Wm. Runte, Wetaskiwin; Mrs. E. A. Carter, Ponoka.

WHAT CONSISTENCY

"You just can't trust anybody, nowadays. Why, my own grocer gave me a phony quarter in change this morning."

"Let me see it."
"Oh, I haven't got it any more. I gave it to the milkman."

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THE WISE WEAVERS

Nearly a hundred years ago the pioneer co-operators of Rochdale laid down seven cardinal principles for co-operative associations to adopt. These included the principles of: justice, democracy, equity, economy, efficiency, liberty and unity.

The principle of Unity provided that all extraneous matters should be kept out of co-operative meetings and attention should be concentrated on those matters in which the interest of the members were united.

Politics was considered "an extraneous matter."

The Alberta Wheat Pool has followed this principle of co-operation with the greatest care.

Alberta Pool Elevators

SEEK INCREASE IN INITIAL PRICE OF WHEAT BY BOARD

Quick Action on Convention Resolutions Dealing With Wheat and Bacon Prices

Quick action with a view to securing from the Dominion Government a square deal for Western farmers in connection with two matters of outstanding importance to producers, was taken by the U.F.A. Board following the Annual U.F.A. Convention, when Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., was appointed to make direct representations to the Government at Ottawa.

Action taken is based upon resolutions passed by the Convention and subsequent Board decisions. The first recommendation is that an additional interim payment on Board wheat of the 1939 crop be made before seeding. The second urges that in fixing prices of bacon for delivery to the British Government, the newly formed Canadian Bacon Board be called upon to give full consideration to the cost of feed. Other urgent matters arising out of Convention decisions are also being dealt with in the conferences at Ottawa.

Convention Resolution

The Convention resolution dealing with the interim payment was moved by Henry E. Spencer of Edgerton, and seconded by J. M. Wheatley of Chancellor, and was as follows:

Pegged Price for Wheat

Whereas, the farmers of Alberta did not receive the cost of production for their wheat in the fall of 1939;

Therefore be it resolved, that we, the farmers of Alberta, do request the Federal Government of Canada to increase the pegged price of wheat of the 1939 crop at least twenty cents per bushel; and

Further, that this payment should be made in time to enable farmers to put in their 1940 crop.

Bacon Prices

In regard to bacon prices, it is pointed out that while 9 cents a pound has been fixed, the costs of such feed as oats and barley should be taken into account, and the price made adjustable in relation thereto in order to assure the costs of production. Instead of fixing the price for a year, it is proposed that there should be regular adjustment. For instance, the present

THE UNIVERSAL URGE "OUR FIRST DUTY TO WIN WAR"— U.F.A. PRESIDENT

*It's strange how the business of eating
Of most of our ills is the source.
The inner man's needs to be meeting
Determines the common life's course.*

*Yes, hunger is mankind's director—
His labors from dim days of yore
Have all been inspired by the spectre
Of wolves at the door!*

*What good all the treasures of Indus,
Or affluent castles in Spain,
If some freak of fate ever pinned us
Where howling for dinner were vain?*

*All else is indeed incidental,
And worry we well might delete
Except for one need fundamental,
And that is to eat!*

How simple would life be without it—

This need for well-timed stoking-up!

Can't someone do something about it—

*Abolish the old bite and sup?
Without threat of want, though, to hound us,*

*I wonder on what we would thrive?
Would lack of a goal so confound us
We could not survive?*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

Thirty students from eight states attended the four weeks' School for Co-operative Employees held at North Kansas City in January.

Amendment of the Dominion Acreage Bonus Act to take in dry areas which are situated within irrigated areas, but which are not now provided for because the greater part of their township is irrigated, is asked in a resolution adopted by the U.F.A. Central Board.

bacon price is very low indeed in relation to the present price for oats.

In further reference to this matter, the Board recommends that the Dominion Government not only use every means in its power to encourage increased production, and improve quality, but also seek to remove misunderstandings as to prices which will be paid under the agreement with the British Government, and regulations which will be enforced. It is pointed out that the agreement will probably remain in force throughout the war, and that at the conclusion of hostilities may come Canada's opportunity to consolidate her position as the main source of supply for the British market.

Spread in Prices

Careful scrutiny by the Bacon Board of the spread in prices for the various classes of hogs is urged, to ensure that they correspond with the prices paid for the various grades of finished products.

It is also recommended that rail grading of carcasses rather than live grading be adopted, since rail grading is more accurate. To this end it is urged that such anomalies as the docking of a certain weight of hog by \$1.50 when live graded while on the rail the same carcass might be cut \$5.00, shall be avoided.

A clear check on drovers and buyers who grade live hogs in the country is sought, to prevent over or under grading; and the following is also urged: "The recognition of a fair average dressed weight percentage of the live weight in arriving at live prices and dressed carcass prices: the carrying out of the original intention of the act respecting grading, which provided that the grader should send a copy of the grade slip direct to the consumer."

But Permanent Peace Not Possible Until Economic Democracy Established

Declaring that "our first duty is to win the war in order to retain what measure of democracy we now possess," and that "when this has been done we can then, through constitutional methods, develop an economic democracy," President Gardiner in addressing the U.F.A. Convention, said it was an obligation of Canadians to give "all the assistance within our power to the Allies in this struggle." There could be no possibility of world peace "so long as men like Hitler, with uncontrolled passions, remain in positions of authority."

Must Preserve Democratic Rights

At the same time, Mr. Gardiner reaffirmed his belief that the cause of war is inherent in the present economic system, "and until that cause is removed there is no hope of permanent peace. To remove this cause will require democratic action in every country. That is the main reason, in my judgment, why it is so necessary that the right to democratic action should be preserved in as many countries as possible."

"It is my firm belief," Mr. Gardiner continued, "that the profit motive, and the resultant concentration of wealth, are primarily responsible for all wars." The League of Nations had been faced by the certainty of failure by reason of the fact that the delegates were representatives of the privileged classes in their own countries—interested in "maintaining the status quo, that is, the right to continue to exploit the masses, through profit."

Failed to Complete Economic Set-up

In Canada while democratic methods had been developed in reference to political institutions, we had failed to complete our economic set-up "for the reason that we have failed to provide for economic democracy." If we had economic democracy, there would not be four to five hundred thousand persons unemployed and more than a million persons on relief, but "we would provide plans to permit all the physically fit to have the use of machinery and natural resources, or to render service in some other capacity, in order to provide for their economic needs. The standard of living would be made much higher than the standard of today, and the value of this higher standard of living would be subject only to the extent and value of our natural resources, plus our ability to produce real wealth with the labor, machinery and processes available."

Food Production Policy in French Empire

While the French Government has prepared full machinery for the most complete regulation and control over agricultural production, so far French farmers are merely advised and assisted to produce more and spend less. French possessions in Africa and French Indo-China, are being encouraged to supply more foodstuffs, oil and rubber; but France will still have to import all cotton required and considerable quantities of rubber, coffee, wool, frozen meats and tobacco. As a result of the Anglo-French economic agreements, it is expected that most of these requirements will be bought from British Empire countries. While foodstuffs so far have been ample, it is anticipated mobilization of farmers and evacuation of areas near the front will reduce domestic production of foods.

The new Banff-Jasper highway will be officially opened on July 1st next.

U.F.A. Local Officers

Attention, Please!

Why Not Make a Start in Co-operative Buying?

The U.F.A. is assisting in a campaign for the elimination of Bot Fly and Warble Fly and other animal diseases; also in weed control and the use of pure seed, extermination of pests, etc. We should put the whole force of the organization behind these worthy objectives. There is no better way of assuring widespread use of the chemicals and drugs required for these purposes than by securing orders for Co-operative shipments. Call a meeting at an early date and arrange to

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WARTIME ELECTION

A Dominion general election will be held on March 26th. The chief, almost the only issue in the election, will be Canada's contribution to the Allied effort in the war, and the means by which that effort may be made most effective.

It is right that this should be so. For it is now clear even to many who were formerly confused, that no greater disaster could occur than the blotting out of human values which the triumph of the Nazi conception of life would mean for the whole of the Western world, and in fact for all mankind.

We can recognize this while we remain critical of our own institutions and of the statesmanship of our more or less democratic countries (the description "pluto-democratic" is not unjust).

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There is, of course, a purely economic aspect of the war from the Canadian farmers' standpoint which is sometimes overlooked. Only on the condition that command of the sea is maintained can Canadian export products find a market. On December 2nd, 1932, in days of peace, the price of No. 1 Northern fell to 38 cents at Fort William. What would Canada's export wheat be worth if the Atlantic formed a barrier to trade instead of a seaway for commerce?

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The election may be bitterly fought, in spite of the sense of constraint which all must feel who realize the gravity of the task in which Canada is engaged. If some public men should be tempted to forget the responsibility which is theirs, electors will not necessarily lose their own sense of balance or fail to maintain calm judgment under the barrage of campaign oratory.

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Not all those who vaunt their devotion and wrap themselves in flags may be trustworthy custodians of the interests of the mass of Canadians, or even the most efficient of war leaders. There are some who are prominent in public life who in the past have revealed their sympathy with the ideas against which we are fighting.

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In considering policies it will be well to keep an eye on the home front.

The establishment of the principle of "equality of sacrifice" is as necessary to the efficient conduct of the war as it is for the preservation of free institutions and as a means to the achievement of economic democracy. Agriculture asks no special privilege. But the preservation of the agricultural industry is vital to Canadian war economy.

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We suggest that our readers, during the election campaign, should ask all candidates where they stand upon certain important issues. Many of the decisions taken at the recent Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, might provide the basis for questioning. Where does a candidate stand upon the subject of the Government control of war industries, for example?

Where does he stand upon such subjects as farm indebtedness, upon the subject of parity of prices for farm products, upon a number of other questions of outstanding importance to agriculture? Look through the pages of this and our last issue. You may find there material for a number of questions.

A satisfactory answer to these questions is important not only from the standpoint of agriculture, but from the standpoint of Canada.

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NOTHING BY HALVES

The Convention did not do things by halves. No other farm organization, so far as we know, has adopted such rigid rules as those which the Convention has now laid down to preclude the possibility of any of its officers taking part as candidates in political contests.

To emphasize the fact that as an organization it has ceased all political activity, the Convention this year adopted an amendment to the constitution which provides for the automatic resignation of any of its Provincial officers upon his becoming a candidate for the Dominion House or Provincial Legislature.

All told, 47 officers of the organization are affected by the amendment. They are the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the U.F.A., U.F.W.A. and Junior U.F.A., and all directors of these three branches of the Association.

Henry E. Spencer, of Edgerton, who has spent a good part of his adult life in the service of the farm movement, for years as a director before 1921 and recently as a member of the Executive (with 14 years' effective work as a Farmer Member at Ottawa between these two periods of office), had sent in his resignation to the Executive before the Convention met. He believed it desirable to do so when he became a candidate for the Federal

IDEALISTS AS CYNICS

By REINHOLD NIEBUHR
In The New York Nation

"... We never have the chance to choose between pure tyranny and pure freedom; we can only choose between tyranny and relative democracy. We do not have the choice between war and perfect peace, but only between war and the uneasy peace of some fairly decent and stable equilibrium of social forces. We cannot choose between violence and non-violence, but only between violence and a statesmanship which seeks to adjust social forces without violence but cannot guarantee immunity from clashes. We have never had the opportunity—and probably never will have—to choose between injustice and perfect equality, but only between injustice and a justice which moves toward equality and incorporates some of its values.

This obvious fact, to which all history attests, is denied either explicitly or implicitly by a wide variety of modern social creeds. These creeds, each of which probably has its own validity within measure, have combined their errors in such a way as to spread confusion. They have created an attitude of irresponsibility toward the tragic history of Europe and a spirit of cynicism in estimating the consequences of the war. . . .

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"... it may be difficult to remember what ought not to be forgotten; that the anarchy of Western civilization has produced a particularly virulent form of tyranny in Europe; that this tyranny has destroyed every authentic form of culture in Germany and threatens every liberty in Europe; that the destruction of this tyranny, while only a negative condition of new health, is nevertheless a very important one.

"The fall of the Nazis will not of course of itself create a new Germany or a new Europe. The Allies, if victorious, will be tempted to take the French army's simple expedient for guaranteeing France against further German aggression. Whether another vindictive and abortive peace shall be made or whether Europe can lift the whole problem of security to a new level of international interdependence, is the paramount issue before Western society. A vindictive peace would mean that this war would be merely a milestone in the tragic course of European civilization toward ultimate disintegration. . . .

"However speculative the outcome of this tragic struggle may be, the attitude of cynicism, prompted by a disappointed idealism, is morally intolerable. But that is a lesson which our present generation of college students has yet to learn. They are now pretty generally engaged in proving that since all war news is propaganda they are absolved of the responsibility of seeking for the truth amid conflicting claims. In this they merely reflect the prevailing mood of their elders. America has contrived to brew self-righteousness, cynicism, idealism, and a fear psychosis into a pretty horrible mixture."

constituency of Battle River. He strongly supported the constitutional amendment in the interests of the unity of the organization.

Apart from the 47 officers, the rigid rule now laid down does not of course affect the position of members, or of officers of Locals or district associations of the Farmers' organization, who are free as individual citizens to take part in political activities.

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UP FROM THE RANKS

"A good many people will share the view of the U.F.A. directorate that university training does not necessarily mean that a man is competent in leadership and that officers in the army should be promoted from the ranks."—*High River Times*.

INTERIM PAYMENT BEFORE SEEDING IS ASKED BY U.G.G.

As Large as Possible, With Consideration for Larger Payment Lower Grades

(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

WINNIPEG, Jan. 30th.—An interim payment by the Canadian Wheat Board before seeding is being advocated by United Grain Growers, Limited. Following a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company in Winnipeg last week, the following telegram was despatched to members of the Cabinet Wheat Committee at Ottawa, by the President, R. S. Law: "The Board of Directors of United Grain Growers Limited desires to urge that the Canadian Wheat Board be authorized to make a further distribution before seeding to Western wheat producers who have delivered wheat to the Board, and that this should not be delayed until the whole wheat crop of the year 1939 has been sold. Such a payment, if made in sufficient time before spring work opens, will materially assist in enabling Western Agriculture to contribute its maximum strength to National production during 1940. We would ask that such a payment be as large as possible, in view of all existing circumstances, and feel that an interim payment of not less than ten cents per bushel would be justified, with due consideration to the lower grades of wheat on which a larger payment may well be considered."

OTTAWA LETTER (Continued from page 1)

with the great responsibility resting upon myself and my colleagues, we can carry on a campaign as we would in other days. Myself and most of my colleagues must spend most of our time right here." They would use the newspapers and the radio to present their case to the people instead of taking to the platforms across the country.

Limitations Imposed by Wartime

There is always a "psychological" rampart surrounding a Government conducting the country's war effort. Whatever may be the virtue of the criticism that might be directed against it, the opposition equally desirous with the Government to carry on the war effort effectively, have to use discretion in the form of electoral artillery used to attack the Government. There is always the fear that in some way the war effort itself may be injured.

Whether such a fear is justified or not it exists, but except for this limitation, it is quite clear that the electoral battle will be strenuously carried on. Dr. Manion and his followers have denounced the precipitate calling of an election as "sheer political trickery." The Conservative leader has stated that if his party is returned to power he will form a national government bringing to Cabinet councils the best available brains irrespective of party affiliations.

C.C.F. Plans Extensive Campaign

The National Council of the C.C.F. party after a several days' meeting, attacked the peremptory dissolution of Parliament as "the negation of democracy." Mr. King, the statement said, is asking for a vote of confidence "in the dark." The Canadian people have a right to investigate thoroughly the Government's conduct of the war before an election is held. The council discussed plans for the election and will shortly issue a manifesto embodying the main principles of its election program. It has become clear that Mr. Woodsworth will continue to lead the party and that he and Mr. Coldwell will carry out an extensive speaking tour.

As in the election of 1917, the members of Canada's military forces at home and abroad will have an oppor-

Re-elected



NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY
Vice-President of the U.F.A.

Mrs. Spencer's Letters—Isa Grindlay Jackson's Poems, Very Highly Appreciated

"May I say that your valuable paper has been part of our 'home equipment' for many years, taking the place of the former U.F.A. Magazine," writes Mrs. Thomas W. Plumb of Sounding Lake. "We always enjoy the Farm Women's page, with Mrs. Zella Spencer's friendly talks and Isa Grindlay Jackson's clever rhymes, together with up-to-date news of Junior and Co-operative activities, and other world news items. Please find One Dollar for renewal for 1940 of subscription to *The Western Farm Leader*."

President Gardiner and William Runte, U.F.A. Director for Wetaskiwin, were reappointed as Senior Committee on Junior Work by the U.F.A. Central Board.

At the next meeting of the U.F.A. Executive, a committee will be appointed to meet a committee of the United Farmers of Canada (Alberta Section) to discuss the proposal of the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. contained in the resolution adopted by the Convention, which pointed out that the aim of the two organizations seems to be identical and expressed the belief that there should be only one organization to speak for and represent the farmers. The Convention asked that the small committee to be appointed report back to the next Convention.

tunity to vote. All those enlisted, irrespective of age, will have the right to exercise the franchise, each soldier's vote going to the tally of the candidate he favors in the constituency where the soldier was domiciled prior to enlistment. The method to be adopted to secure this military vote is contained in "The Active Service Elections Voting Regulations." The overseas force will not cast its vote on election day March 26th but between March 14th and March 23rd.

War Effort Main Issue

Already pre-election activity is manifest here. Lines are being laid but the country will not learn the full programs of the parties for some days. The sudden dissolution of Parliament caused indignation which evoked sharp protests, and undoubtedly the "rights of Parliament" will form a base of attack by all opposition groups. But unquestionably it will be on the general issue of the effectiveness of Canada's war effort both on its military and economic side that the Government will either hold its ground or go down to defeat.

Farmer Control Proposed Basis for Any New Bodies Admitted to Co-op. Council

Recognition of the principle of farmer control of any and all organizations admitted to membership of the Alberta Co-operative Council, in any scheme of reorganization that may be adopted, will be recommended by the U.F.A. Board of Directors, as the result of discussion following the recent Annual Convention. Specifically the Board has in mind such bodies as the United Farmers of Alberta (now affiliated to the Council through the U.F.A. Central Co-operative), the United Grain Growers, Limited, and Cream Producers' organizations.

At the recent meeting of the Council at Red Deer it was decided to take steps towards the reorganization of the council on a broader basis of eligibility for membership than the present one, which requires that all member bodies shall be directly engaged in co-operative activities.

"Must Support Paper Entirely Devoted to Cause"

"Realizing that if we wish to keep alive the spirit of co-operation among the farm people in these difficult times, we must sacrifice other things in order to give support to a paper which is entirely devoted to this cause, and, therefore, I am enclosing the sum of \$2 to pay for my subscription to the paper."—John Garnier, Gourin.

Registered in Alberta are a total of 191 co-operatives of all kinds, including 71 stores. There are 23 credit unions in the Province, said Hon. E. C. Manning recently, with loans outstanding of \$33,492.

"How was the scenery on your trip?"

"We had some wonderful views of toothpaste, ketchup, and smoking tobacco."

ON THE ALERT

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Story of Great Achievement of A Saskatchewan Co-operative . .

In North America, as elsewhere, the Co-operative idea is being planted, taking root and growing in many different forms, under the varying conditions peculiar to the communities which it serves.

Two weeks ago, the Central Alberta Dairy Pool gave an account in this section of the progress which is being made in North Dakota by farmer co-operators. In the article below the Pool has pleasure in presenting part of the story of the achievement of the Consumers' Co-operative Refineries, Limited, of Saskatchewan, whose plant is at Regina. Incidentally, our shippers will be interested to know that a Vice-President of the refinery, W. H. Johnstone, is a brother of Ellis A. Johnstone, the General Manager of our Dairy Pool.

Striking figures presented at the fifth annual meeting of the co-operative refinery recently held, tell the story of remarkable success achieved and expansion of service given to gas and oil consumers in Saskatchewan since the plant was established through the initiative of a body of co-operatively minded citizens.

Dividends Total \$137,339.12

For the year which ended November 30th last, sales totalled \$1,010,811.07, said the directors' report, presented by the President, E. E. Frisk, revealing net savings of \$151,897.09 on the refinery's fifth year of operation.

After providing for payment of interest on capital, and for reserves, the refinery declared total patronage dividends of \$137,339.12, it is revealed in an account of this report for which the C.A.D.P. is indebted to *The Saskatchewan Co-operative Consumer*.

Refinery assets as at November 30th had reached a grand total of \$521,014.25, against which were current liabilities totalling \$239,552.75. Of this amount, \$62,826.49 is liabilities to the public and \$176,726.26 to members. The organization had reserves and surplus amounting to \$129,148.08 and a paid-up capital of \$152,313.42.

145 Local Associations

During the year 145 local co-operative associations were actively purchasing petroleum products from the Refinery. This number is 67 more than last year, or an increase of 85.8 per cent.

Delegates to the number of 159 attended the history-making meeting and their ranks were swelled by a large number of visitors from all sections of the province, representing local Co-operative associations having membership in or actively purchasing products from the Refinery.

The results for the year exceeded even the most optimistic expectations.

To Build Cracking Plant

Delegates heartily endorsed the cracking plant program, initiated by the directors on September 28th with the signing of a contract for the construction of a 1500 barrel plant to be completed by next June. They approved the principle of superannuation for employees, thereby showing the way to other co-operative organizations. They also moved to increase the authorized capital of their organization, and to alter the basis of delegate representation for the annual meeting.

While Saskatchewan's 1939 wheat crop was one of the largest in its

Set-backs of 1937 and 1938 Now Almost Completely Overcome

From January 1st Pool Almost Back to Position Held From 1925 to 1935

Information given during addresses and in the course of discussion at a Central Alberta Dairy Pool meeting at Endiang on January 17th made it clear to those who attended that the Pool has almost completely overcome the set-backs which were experienced in 1937 and 1938. It would now appear that as from January 1st of 1940 the position of our Dairy Pool is indeed almost back to that which was held by the Pool during the years 1925 to 1935, with very good future prospects.

Mr. H. J. Grott, resident delegate, was the chairman, and the speakers were J. H. Crawford, director, President George K. MacShane, General Manager Ellis A. Johnstone and Field Man E. T. Reilly.

Weather was very cold and sideroads were mostly blocked on the day of the meeting, thus making attendance impossible for many who had planned to be present; but though the meeting was in consequence not a large one, it was found well worth while by all who participated. In the evening at Halkirk informal conferences were held with members who happened to be in town.

history, the increased price on almost every item of consumer's goods has not improved the financial position of the farmer. He benefitted very little by an increase in the price of primary products, and because of the war situation he is subject to attempts at war profiteering. However, the directors stated, "It is interesting to note that in the case of refined petroleum products, as well as flour, there will be no war profiteering in Saskatchewan. This is because the consumer has, through co-operative effort, literally put his own price on these two commodities."

Total Sales 6,725,708 Gallons

Sales of all gasolines and fuels during the past year totalled 6,725,708 gallons, an increase of 2,237,663 gallons over 1938. This increase was divided among all products with the exception of Diesel fuel and furnace fuel. After deducting sales tax of \$30,868.84 the total sales for the year amounted to \$979,942.23.

Cost of products sold was \$777,649.81, leaving a total gross saving on sales of \$202,292.42. Operating expenses accounted for \$60,512.95, the net operating saving thus being \$141,779.47. To this was added \$10,117.62 in other income, bringing the net saving for the year to \$151,897.09.

For purpose of comparison, total sales for 1938 after deducting sales tax were \$632,386.29 and the net saving \$126,629.09.

Longest Operating Period

The refinery operated for a total of 268 days, 19 hours, during the year just ended. This was the longest operating period since the refinery began operations. For purposes of comparison, operating periods since 1936 have been as follows:

1936	-----183 days	3 hours
1937	-----136 days	
1938	-----229 days	12 hours
1939	-----268 days	19 hours

In addition to this increase, the efficiency of the plant in 1939 was greater than during any previous year. The 1938 average throughout per stream day was 512.69 barrels of crude, whereas the figure for the year under review was 543.30 barrels per stream day, an increase of 5.97 per cent. (A stream day is 24 hours.)

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AN OUTSIDER LOOKS INTO

OUR DAIRY POOL

Recently an outsider (business man) being interested, asked some questions about our Pool. Here are the questions and the answers:

QUESTIONS

1. Date of creation?
2. What prompted the creation?
3. Number of years operating?
4. Number of members?
5. Where did it get the funds to start?
6. Has this been repaid?
7. How many years did it operate at a profit over all charges?
8. How much profit was made?
9. How many years did it pay dividends to its members?
10. How much extra profits did it pay in cash to members?
11. How much members' undistributed equities remain in business?
12. Did you make a profit in 1939?
13. How much?
14. Does this make your financial position reasonably sound now?
15. What about the future?

ANSWERS

- Commenced operating in 1925.
A necessity for better economic consideration.
Fifteen years.
4,500 members.
It borrowed \$38,572.32.
Yes, many years back.
Thirteen years.
\$366,788.05.
Eleven years.
\$218,241.29.
\$94,169.30.
Yes.
A very reasonable sum, which equalled the reverses we sustained in 1937 and in 1938.
Yes, reasonably sound.
We feel that the future looks quite bright.

After all these questions, you will be interested in knowing what this outsider thought of your Pool and its record. Here are his conclusions:

"A remarkable record, such as is only made possible by Co-operation"

Yes indeed, a remarkable record, and yet, by still co-operating, the future can be as bright and as illustrious as what we have accomplished in the past.

CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

(Continued from page 6)

Organized local co-operative associations to the number of 156 purchased refined products from the refinery during the year. Eleven of these were casual purchases under one thousand gallons, leaving 145 active associations.

The total number of locals in 1938 was 103, of which 78 were over 1,000 gallons. The addition of 67 active locals to our membership represents an increase of 85.8 per cent.

Storage Facilities

Storage facilities at the plant, including tanks under immediate construction, have now reached a total of 2,131,350 gallons.

Water storage facilities were also greatly increased during the year, and two dugouts now have a capacity of approximately 3,200,000 gallons.

May Need Blending Plant

Sales of lubricating oil reached a new high of 285,009 gallons, which is an increase of 101,566 gallons over 1938. This volume is approaching the point where serious consideration will soon have to be given to the installation of an oil blending plant in order to ensure more efficient handling.

With respect to the sale of tires by the local co-operative associations purchasing through the refinery, an

increase of 117 per cent over last year was noted.

In anticipation of cracking plant operations, which are necessary to manufacture ethyl gasoline with an octane rating above 76, the refinery this year began the distribution of full ethylized gasoline, purchasing this commodity from other companies. Since the completion last spring of the lead mixing plant, the refinery has been manufacturing and distributing Co-op. Bronze gasoline of a 68-70 octane rating.

Savings Bonds

Co-operative Savings Bonds, which are issued by the refinery, experienced much greater popularity and acceptance than in any previous year. This was the result of increased confidence in the refinery organization, and educational work carried on in *The Consumer*, states the report. Geographically, the bonds are being held over an increasingly wide area of the province. Comparative figures for the last three years are as follows:

1937, \$3,225.00; 1938, \$43,750.00; 1939, \$138,500.00.

FINNS GREAT CO-OPERATORS

Finnish co-operatives handle from 30 to 40 per cent of the country's business. In Helsingfors alone 329 co-operative establishments serve 48,000 families.

**New and Reorganized
Locals Are Numerous**

New U.F.A. Locals organized recently include the following:

Woodlawn, near Gage, in Peace River constituency. J. H. Stirling and Albert H. McLean are the officers. Glenwood, near Glenwoodville, in Lethbridge constituency. Walter Olsen and Eldon A. Quinton were elected to office.

Willows, near Strome, reorganized by William Runte, U.F.A. Director. R. Wirth is secretary.

Orion, in Medicine Hat constituency. Lester Bennett, Sr., is president and George Wagar secretary.

Kathryn-Keoma, reorganized, with A. Raumiller, G. Bozack and V. O. Ramberg as officers.

Foremost: John Bechthold is president and C. F. Medhurst secretary.

U.F.A. Executive for 1940

J. K. Sutherland of Hanna, George E. Church of Balzac and Rudolf Hennig of Fort Saskatchewan were appointed as U.F.A. Executive members by the Central Board at a meeting following the Annual Convention. The complete Executive consists of the President and Vice-President of the U.F.A. (Messrs. Gardiner and Priestley), the President of the U.F. W.A. (Mrs. Winifred Ross of Millet), and these three appointed members.

Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President of the U.F.A., and Messrs. J. K. Sutherland and George E. Church, were reappointed by the U.F.A. Executive last week as the Co-operative Committee of the Association for 1940.

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**What's Doing ?
at CFAC**

Fred Uttal is the latest CBS artist to become a week-end farmer. Mondays through Fridays Freddie introduces Alice Frost and Martin Gabel in "Big Sister" over the Columbia network. (CFAC, 9:30 a.m., M.S.T.) On Friday nights he hurries to his 70-acre farm in Southbury, Conn.

At the moment, Fred is excited over plans to grow tomatoes and other vegetables with the new liquid method. He's also ordered 50 fruit trees—plum, cherry, apple and peach—for a new orchard he's cultivating.

Eventually there will be a New England Colonial home on Fred's hillside 1200 feet above sea level. But, temporarily, the announcer is living in an apartment built over his three-car garage. Commenting on his conversion to the rustic, Fred says:

"I'm a real farmer. Why, I even belong to the local Fire Department. Helped put out a forest fire last year."

Headwork—Conrad Nagel, "Silver Theatre" director, always attends a movie starring the headliner on his next CBS show... takes along a stopwatch to time the actor's "speaking speed" so he can tell how much to cut from the radio script, if any.

The Honorable Thomas Vernon Smith, Congressman from Illinois, and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Chicago, will join the force of experts on "Information Please" on Wednesday, January 31st, to face Clifton Fadiman's barrage of questions over the CFAC at 8 to 8:30 p.m.

Along with Professor Smith will be Russel Crouse, the playwright, who is making a return appearance on the program and the two veterans, John Kieran, and Franklin P. Adams.

With Professor Smith taking care of all questions regarding politics, education and philosophy, Russel Crouse holding up the theatrical end, and Mr. Kieran and Mr. Adams the general run, the session will be one of great interest.

Professor Smith was born in Blanket, Texas, and was graduated from Texas University with an A.B. in 1915, and went to Texas Christian University as professor of English Literature. Two years later he was made professor of philosophy. After serving as a private in the army, he returned to

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The Orient has no monopoly of rice production; the Italian rice crop in 1939 has been estimated at 40,800,000 bushels—the largest ever harvested.

Bank clearings in Canada during 1939 aggregated \$862,000,000 more than in 1938.

Texas University and taught philosophy. Later he went to the University of Chicago where he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Ladies, we want you to watch and listen carefully for some very useful and new offers which will come to you on our "Good Morning Neighbor" program within the next two weeks.

We are letting you in on a secret when we tell you this, but feel that you should each and every one be prepared to get in on this because we know you won't want to miss any of the offers. As you know of course, "Good Morning Neighbor" is heard over CFAC from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. every morning and features Jerry Fuller, Calgary's best known band leader.

Just to give you an idea, we heard of ten ladies the other day, who were lucky enough to win very novel and extraordinary measuring spoons. These measuring spoons are mechanical and just with a touch of a finger you can measure a third of a teaspoon, a full teaspoon, etc. Of course there are many other useful household gadgets you may have heard of that we know you will find a boon in your kitchen, so watch for it. It's the biggest thing yet.

The Sun Life Assurance Company with an application for \$7,500,000 was the largest subscriber to the first Dominion War Loan.

Special Prizes Donated

Donations of special prizes for the Baby Beef Competition, to be held in conjunction with the Calgary Spring Stock Shows, April 2nd to 6th, have already been made. These include \$100 from members of the Alberta Shorthorn Breeders' Association; \$100 a year for ten years from Frank Collicutt, Crossfield; \$100 from Burns & Company, and \$100 from the Canadian Aberdeen Angus Association. The Canadian Shorthorn Association is donating a number of special prizes for exhibits in Shorthorn classes, and the Alberta Hereford Breeders' Association for Hereford entries.

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Current News from Near and Far

DIARY OF TWO WARS

Jan. 18th.—Threat to Low Countries by Nazi troop concentrations on their borders believed to have been averted, for time being at least, by pledges of Allied support for Belgium and Holland. Finns announce advance of 28 miles, in Salla sector, in last few days.

Jan. 19th.—German plane driven away from Scottish coast. Finns pursue retreating Russians in 50 below temperatures. Helsinki bombed. German plane shot down behind Allied lines in France.

Jan. 20th.—R.A.F. flights over Northwest Germany in last two nights reported. Engagement between reconnaissance parties on German soil, in Blies district. Military leaves restored in Belgium. Secretary for Foreign Affairs Halifax declares Britain's promise to help Finland "no mere formality." Strong Russian attacks in Karelian region repulsed, thousands reported frozen to death. Swedish volunteers in Finland claim to have brought down six Russian planes. Goering decrees confiscation of all Polish state property. Churchill warns small neutral countries that preservation of their freedom depends upon Allied victory, as unless Hitler is defeated they will be victims of Nazi "hate and spite."

Jan. 21st.—Admiralty announces sinking of destroyer *Grenville*, by mine or torpedo, 76 lives lost; British steamships *Protesilaus* and *Ferryhill* mined, 12 lost; two other British vessels lost, one by unexplained explosion and one running aground, crews saved. Sinking of Estonian, Danish, Swedish and Norwegian steamships, by mines, reported, most of two crews lost.

Jan. 22nd.—Swiss and Danish press say their countries will maintain neutrality. Finns report success in holding positions in Karelian isthmus; fear attacks on ice across Gulf of Finland, now frozen from Estonia to Finland. Nazis bring 200,000 Polish civilians into Germany for forced labor in coal mines and in road building, along with 300,000 Polish prisoners of war.

Jan. 23rd.—Admiralty announces loss of two small British vessels; Norwegian steamship mined; Swedish vessel lost. Below zero temperatures on Western Front halt air operations. Allies repulse German raid in Vosges

sector. Rumania sets up commission with power to control oil industry; Britain and France warn against attempt to force British and French oil companies to supply oil to Germany. Finns damage Russian vessels in air raid on Kronstadt, drive off Russian bombers from Helsinki. Heavy fighting near Lake Ladoga. Polish national council elects aged Paderewski president. Britain replies to U.S. protest against examination of American mail, that belligerent has right to ascertain mail for enemy does not contain contraband. U.S. also state their vessels held up at Gibraltar longer than Italian ships. U.S.S.R. spokesmen deny Ambassador Maisky to be recalled from London.

Jan. 24th.—Nazi bombers driven off Shetlands. British destroyer *Exmouth* sunk by torpedo or mine, crew of 188 lost. British trawler lost with all hands. Lone survivor reports sinking of Swedish steamship in North Sea. King George inspects Canadian troops.

Jan. 25th.—British call up 258,000 more men between ages of 20 and 24. Foreign Minister states Netherlands can remain neutral. Belgium sells Germany 300 freight cars built for China, accepts orders for 250 tank cars. Norwegian steamship *Biarriz* mined, 38 lives lost. Finnish vessel lost in North Sea, crew saved. Swedish vessel lost, with 17 of crew of 21.

Jan. 26th.—Artillery fire exchanged for several hours in Vosges mountains, on Western front. Latvian steamship torpedoed. Germans claim to be turning out new submarine each day. Finns state Russian attacks repulsed on all fronts. H. G. Wells, novelist, sociologist and humanitarian, advocates bombing of German towns and cities to bring war to end.

Jan. 27th.—Churchill, declaring Germany less strong now than in 1914, warns that "relentless toll" must be paid for mastery of the seas, and that no war ever seemed more likely "to carry its terrors into every home"; states a million women will need to enter industry to relieve men for war service. German plane attacks French supply trucks, no damage. Russians defeated northeast of Lake Ladoga. German newspaper states 18 German merchantmen, stopped by British warships, scuttled or made useless by crews. German troops in barracks in Russian-occupied Lwow, Poland.

Jan. 29th.—German, British and French representatives arrive in Bu-

charest for diplomatic struggle for Rumanian oil. German bombers attack vessels along whole length of eastern coast of England and Scotland. Sinking of three neutral vessels by German submarines reported. Russian newspaper warns Norway and Sweden against "foreign incendiaries of war." Daladier broadcasts warning that "total war" must break out soon. French spokesman says Allies will have forces in Near East to back up pledges to Turkey, Greece and Rumania. Heavy bombing of Finnish cities by Russian planes.

Jan. 30th.—One German bomber shot down, others driven off east coast. British *Stanburn* sunk after bombing, 26 of crew of 28 lost. Lloyd's state 255 merchantmen sunk up to night of January 28th, including 133 British, 13 French, 1 Polish, 113 neutral, 25 German. Another authority places number of German merchant vessels lost at 24 captured or sunk and 23 scuttled. Rumanian spokesman states she will act in her own interest, not for one side or other in war. Hitler, speaking on seventh anniversary of taking office as chancellor, reiterates former charges against Treaty of Versailles and England. 200 U.S.-made war planes for Finland arrive in Bergen. Viipuri again bombed.

Jan. 31st.—Ten days of hard fighting leaves lines unchanged in Marka-jarvi sector. Finns say result of Russian air attacks to date 400 civilians killed, 930 wounded; 300 attacking planes brought down, 800 Russian airmen killed. Chamberlain will not appoint minister of economics, says London report.

German Submarine sunk yesterday in attacking British convoy. Probably referring to Japan, Chamberlain says Britain has no desire to affront neutral country "with which we want to live in peace." 5,000-ton British ship torpedoed in convoy.

Mrs. E. Tregillus, widow of the former U.F.A. president, died in Calgary last week.

J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., C.C.F. leader, emphatically denies rumors of a change in the leadership of the organization.

Canadian and American engineers, meeting in Washington last week, reached agreement on the feasibility of the St. Lawrence waterways project.

Prime Minister MacKenzie King had "scuttled the ship of state" and had "stuck out his head like a mud turtle every time the King and Queen appeared," said Premier Hephurn in the Ontario Legislature on Monday, joining with the Conservative opposition leader in attacking Mr. King.

Another near tragedy as a result of children being alone with oil lamps and lighted stoves was narrowly averted by the heroic efforts of six-year-old Harry Minks, of the Rimley district, who got his two smaller brothers out of the burning house and nearly all the distance to a neighbors' house, half a mile away, through snow and cold.

Membership fees in the Alberta School Trustees' Association will be doubled by resolution of the recent convention, to compensate for the smaller number of affiliations due to the setting up of the larger school units. A resolution asking for increased government grants for education was passed unanimously. A report proposing a minimum teachers' salary of \$840 and a 2 per cent sales tax for education was tabled by the larger units' section. A. E. Ottewill, Edmonton, was elected president and R. Hennig, Fort Saskatchewan, vice-president.

Chinese forces report a victory over the Japanese invaders in Hupeh province last week.

Unusually severe weather has spelled heavy losses for Florida and Texas farmers.

The Japanese claim a victory over large Chinese forces south of Paotow, and capture of Hiaoshan.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates will commence in Calgary on February 6th.

Neil German, son of R. O. German, Wheat Pool secretary has been awarded the Rhodes scholarship for Alberta for 1940.

A staff of 40,000, including 10,000 flying instructors, is being gathered together for the air training centres in Canada.

Shortage of power has led to the closing down of all but vital war supply plants in several industrial districts in Japan, probably for a week.

By a vote of 81 to 59 the South African House of Assembly turned down the opposition motion for a separate peace with Germany.

Funeral of Senator William E. Borah, leading isolationist, for nearly 34 years a member of the Senate, was held in Washington on Monday.

Shortages of fuel and food supplies in some areas resulted from the traffic tie-up in the British Isles, in the worst snow storm in fifty years.

The recent annual meeting of the Alberta Social Credit League protested against disallowance of Provincial debt legislation by the Federal Government.

Hitler will celebrate his birthday, in April, by proclaiming himself Emperor of the German Reich, King of Poland and King of Great Britain, says a Paris report.

Dr. A. Blais, native of Quebec and graduate of Laval University, resident in Alberta since early in the century, is one of six new Senators appointed by Prime Minister King.

Hitler has given Mussolini assurances that he will resist any move of the U.S.S.R. which would conflict with Italian interests in the Balkans, according to a Parisian newspaper.

That the Nazis are carrying on, with great cruelty, a deliberate policy of extermination of Polish Roman Catholics is charged by the Polish embassy at Vatican City.

The Russian newspaper *Trud* accuses the Finnish commander-in-chief, Mannerheim, of plans to conquer Leningrad and restore the Romanoff dynasty, and to annex northern Norway and northern Sweden.

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Strength of Unity Needed to Save Farm Debt Legislation

To meet determined efforts which seem likely to be continued by certain interests, to destroy the effectiveness or even to secure the withdrawal of legislation which today gives protection to farmer debtors, Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., speaking at the recent U.F.A. Convention, urged farmers to rally their forces and build up a strong unified movement. Brief reference to Mr. Brownlee's warning was contained in our last issue in a despatch from Edmonton received just prior to publication, but in view of the importance of the issue, and its vital bearing upon the position of many farm people, we believe our readers will wish to have a more extended report.

Serious Effects of Low Price Period

"The extended period of low prices," Mr. Brownlee declared, "has been reflected in many ways upon the farm, and in no way more definitely than in preventing the reasonable repair and replacement of farm machinery and equipment and provision for reasonable building programs. "A definite period of re-establishment of these things is still before Western agriculture, and I think it would be contrary to the best interests of our Canadian economy if the protection afforded by the Provincial and Federal acts were to be taken away prematurely and the farmers should become subjected to an intense and concerted drive for the collection of outstanding liabilities. I suggest that the matter is of sufficient importance to engage the attention of all farmer organizations, and that they should rally in support of the maintenance of reasonable protective legislation."

Origin of Problem

The origin of the problem, Mr. Brownlee pointed out, was to be found in the high price period and inflated land values that prevailed during the apparently prosperous years from 1924 to 1928, and the fact that money-sought borrowers because of the high rates of interest then prevailing in the West.

"The problem became acute with the crash in farm prices following the year 1930. Grain prices reached a level which on any basis would not meet the reasonable costs of farm operation, let alone the payment of high rates of interest and the repayment of principal. The values of farm lands fell rapidly. The subject of debt adjustment soon became the principal issue not only in this Province but the other Prairie Provinces. The Province met the issue through the extension of its Debt Adjustment Legislation, and in 1934 the present Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act was passed by the Dominion Government and Boards of Review were established in the various Provinces, and during the past year two Boards have been in operation in this Province.

Only Effective Legislation

"These two pieces of legislation, the Provincial Debt Adjustment Act and the Federal Farmers' Creditors Ar-

rangement Act are the only effective items of legislation now available for the solution of the private debt problem.

"On the whole I think they have worked reasonably well. No room for criticism can be found in the anxiety of the Provincial Debt Adjustment Board to protect and safeguard the interests of debtors as far as reasonably possible, while I believe the members of the Boards of Review have devoted much anxious thought to the applications that have come before them.

Attacks in Courts

"Neither Act is popular in Eastern Canada or with the creditors generally. My first anxiety is that with a possible period of higher price levels, there may arise in some parts of Canada an insistent demand that the Federal Act be withdrawn. At the same time in this Province the Debt Adjustment Act is being subjected to attacks in Court which may greatly restrict the protection which it is able to afford meritorious debtors. Already one case has been argued in the Privy Council which may result in a judgment that the Province has no jurisdiction over interest rates. Such a judgment would seriously embarrass the efforts of the Provincial Board. Another decision recently handed down in our Provincial Courts, finds that the Act conflicts with the operation of the Dominion Bills of Exchange Act, and that therefore the Debt Adjustment Board cannot deal with promissory notes and Bills of Exchange. No doubt this judgment will be carried to higher Courts.

Financial Interests Strongly Organized

"Dealing particularly with the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, I have been increasingly concerned with the advantageous position enjoyed by the secured creditor, by reason of well organized effort, as compared with the position of the debtor or the unsecured creditor. The financial interests are strongly organized. Through their central office in Toronto proposals made by the Boards are carefully scrutinized and repeated protests have been made not only to the Boards themselves, but also to the Federal authorities at Ottawa. They have at least succeeded in maintaining the principle that their securities against land should not be reduced much below the actual value of that land, regardless of any consideration such as the rates of interest which they have enjoyed over a period of years. I do not wish to leave the suggestion that the individual members of the Boards have been improperly influenced by any of the representations made to them. It may be, however, that the continued and insistent pressure of these organizations on the central authorities may have had some effect upon the general policies under which the individual Boards must operate.

"I am therefore placing this question definitely as one of the principal items in the program of Western agriculture at this time, and I believe that very

NEW DIVISION RELIEF COSTS

Putting rural municipalities, towns and villages on the same basis as cities, the two senior Governments will now absorb 40 per cent each of the total relief costs, local bodies bearing the remaining 20 per cent. This division will be retroactive to April 1st, 1939, it has been announced by Provincial authorities.

A recent meeting of the Alberta Liberals' executive confirmed the leadership of E. L. Gray, defeating a minority attempt to oust him.

The Alberta Social Credit League plan to complete all slates of candidates for Provincial nomination by February 10th, says an Edmonton despatch.

The Alberta Unity Council, according to its chairman, John I. McFarland, will continue its efforts as an educational co-operating body in Provincial politics. Twenty-two candidates had been nominated to oppose Social Credit, he said.

At a meeting called by the Alberta Petroleum Association, Alberta oil men on Monday strongly urged the Provincial Government to pass no legislation affecting the oil industry without first consulting their association.

material assistance could be afforded those who must have the protection of this legislation, if the farmers' organizations had that wide support which would enable them to watch with equal care not only attacks upon the Provincial legislation, but also the general policies followed under the Dominion legislation.

Single Body with Full Powers Proposed

"Possibly I may be pardoned if I also say that the experiences of the past year have not in any way caused me to modify the views expressed at the last Convention, that in my judgment this problem will only be adequately dealt with by closer co-operation between the Federal and Provincial Governments. I believe it is entirely practical that one body might be created clothed with the authority now possessed by both Boards, and with full and complete power to deal with private debt in such a manner as they considered reasonable and equitable."

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But there is a legitimate way in which the farmer can protect himself. If for example, he did not dispose of all of his 1939 crop before the end of December last, he should estimate the value of such portion of his crop held over and include the said estimated value in his 1939 income tax returns. He should also include a short memorandum, outlining the situation for the information of the income tax inspector.

This information was received by George G. Coote, secretary of the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture.

Enumeration for the Federal general election will be carried out in the week beginning February 5th.

CONVENTION APPEALS TO ALL LOCALS

The following resolution, urging every Local of the Association in the Province to canvass for subscriptions for *The Western Farm Leader* was unanimously adopted by the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. recently held in Edmonton:

SUPPORT FOR WESTERN FARM LEADER

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Whereas, for many years the U.F.A. issued its own newspaper to fill a long felt need for a reliable publication to deal with our various organization activities, to publish educational matter on subjects of special interest to farmers, and in general to serve the farming community free from the control of individuals or institutions, whose only interest is to serve themselves, and continued to issue this newspaper until 1935 when a reduced membership made it necessary to suspend publication, and

Whereas, Norman Smith, editor, and Mrs. Smith, have since that time continued to serve the farmers of Alberta through *The Western Farm Leader*;

Therefore be it resolved, that this Convention express its sincere appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Smith for many years of unselfish service to the U.F.A., and in particular for their support of the farmers' cause during the campaign for an operative wheat board and a minimum price of 80 cents per bushel for wheat, basis No. 1 f.o.b. Fort William, and

Be it further resolved, that we offer our continued support to the "Western Farm Leader" and recommend that all Locals canvass their districts for subscribers.

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Home, Health and Education Chief Interests Farm Women's Convention

By AMELIA TURNER SMITH

Their homes and families, and the homes and families of other Alberta farm women, take first place with the Locals and delegates of the U.F.W.A. At the Annual Convention, reports, discussions and resolutions alike centered on matters affecting the welfare of the home and the health and education and care of children and young people.

Of fifteen resolutions carried, five were directly connected with education, and two others with the care of those unfortunate young people who are badly adjusted to normal community life and become offenders against the law. It was urged upon the Provincial authorities that an institution should be established for the rehabilitation of these young offenders, where they would be saved the hardening influences of ordinary prisons. It was also suggested that juvenile and women offenders in Edmonton be tried by a woman magistrate.

Seek Equal Chance for Rural Children

The women carried resolutions asking changes in the organization of rural high schools so that pupils in the country should be given the same opportunity as those in towns to complete Grades X, XI, and XII in three years; asking that rural high school students be allowed to attend the nearest high school; asking that the former practice of lending funds to Normal students be resumed; asking that the Wheat Board Monies Trust make a grant to the Department of Extension of the University to assist farm young people to attend the annual University Week for Farm Young People; and recommending a study of the evils of intemperance by U.F.W.A. Locals with a view to influencing the boys and girls of the community.

The importance of radio in education and its particular value to country people, was stressed in a resolution asking the Provincial Government to improve the facilities of CKUA, the University radio station, so that it

might be heard in all parts of the Province.

The joint session having voted down the proposal (agreed to by the Junior Conference last summer) that available funds for organization work be divided between the Junior President and Vice-Presidents, the U.F.W.A. Convention passed a resolution, subsequently adopted in joint session, which authorizes the Juniors to carry on with their elected officers, president, vice-president and directors, until next June.

Believing that relief recipients should be spared any unnecessary humiliation, a resolution sponsored by the U.F.W.A. Alumnae requested the Association of Rural Municipalities to stop the practice of printing in reports of municipal meetings the names of persons receiving assistance in the form of mothers' allowances, old age pensions, hospital care, or relief allowances.

Health Matters

Two resolutions dealt with health matters; one, from the U.F.W.A. Board, urged the Provincial Government to extend education on the value of vaccination and inoculation in prevention of communicable diseases; and the other asked for a full program of state medicine, providing examination, medical treatment, hospitalization, and dental services.

Mrs. Berger was requested by the Convention to bring up to date Mrs. Edwards' book on laws affecting women; and the Executive were asked to keep in touch with the Department of Agriculture with reference to poultry problems and report to the next Convention. This last question arose during discussions on a proposal to license sellers of poultry, and the problem presented by theft of turkeys and chickens.

Similar subjects were dealt with by Convention speakers. Dr. Newlands of the Department of Education spoke briefly on the present high school curriculum, and Wilfred Hop-

New President



MRS. WINIFRED ROSS

Retires From Office



MRS. MARIE E. BERGER

pins gave a short but interesting report of the Youth Congress, praising the tolerance shown by that body.

Cancer Curable in Early Stages

Pointing out that cancer is not hereditary and not contagious, and that it is curable in the early stages, Dr. Lola McLatchie spoke on that disease. During a discussion on health units in the Province, led by Mrs. Price, Dr. Bow of the Department of Health answered a number of questions from the floor; he declared that the health unit system if put into effect would "save lives" and that there is today a "most profligate waste" in human life from preventable causes.

Dealing particularly with women's rights in regard to ownership and transfer of land, custody of children, and wills, J. F. Lymburn, former Attorney-General, gave the delegates a great deal of useful information.

Bringing greetings from the U.F.A., President Robert Gardiner declared the U.F.W.A. had made itself felt in the educational system of the Province and had made progress towards its ideal of the preservation of health not for one class but for all. In her opening address, Mrs. Berger pleaded for adherence to the organization's ideals of justice and equality in these troubled times. Speaking for the Junior Branch, George Thring, Junior President, thanked the U.F.W.A. for their co-operation with the young people's organization.

Explaining the work of the Red Cross Society, Lieut.-Governor Bowen gave a short address.

Discuss Organization

An excellent discussion on organization was led by Mrs. Redmond and Mrs. Oldfield. Suggestions made for the success of Locals were providing interesting programs, sharing the responsibility, and co-operation of the members in adhering to plans made.

Interesting reports were given by Mrs. Ross, in behalf of the Executive; by Mrs. Bailey, on Health, and on the work of the Society for the Control of Cancer; Mrs. Oldfield, on education; Mrs. Carl Anderson, on horticulture; Mrs. Ray Carter, on social planning; Mrs. Redmond, on co-operation; Mrs. Garland, on child and family welfare; Mrs. Learned, on international affairs; Miss Lothian, on handicrafts.

Mrs. Winifred Ross of Millet was elected president of the organization, succeeding Mrs. Malloy Berger in that office; Mrs. B. C. Learned is the first vice-president and Mrs. Mary Banner second vice-president. There were 58 delegates and 16 officers in attendance.

On behalf of the delegates, Mrs. Ross presented Mrs. Berger with a silver tea service.

Farm Women's Locals Elect Their Officers

Among U.F.W.A. Locals who have recently elected officers for the current year are the following:

Jenny Lind (Scandia): Mrs. J. E. Brockelsby, Mrs. Peggy Williamson and Mrs. Albert Johnson.

Fort Saskatchewan: Mrs. W. S. Faulkner, Mrs. Roy Shackleton and Mrs. Chas. Galloway.

Warner: Mrs. O. Lien, Mrs. Stanley Milhaem and Mrs. Lillian Tuff.

Floral (Crossfield): Mrs. H. Robinson, Mrs. C. Ferguson, Mrs. A. Montgomery and Mrs. H. McCool.

Spirit River: Mrs. G. Stoner and Mrs. L. V. Peacock.

Milo: Mrs. Jessie Umscheid, Mrs. Wm. Mallet and Mrs. Eva M. Hulbert.

Seven Persons: Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. M. Tonberg and Mrs. Nedra Belcher.

Fleet: Mrs. Hallett, Mrs. Geise and Mrs. Jessie Taverner.

Progressive (Lacombe): Mrs. H. E. Heath, Mrs. D. A. Boden, and Mrs. B. Crooker.

Mrs. Spencer's Articles

We regret that in order to deal extensively with the Farm Women's Convention, it has been necessary to hold over Mrs. Spencer's letter to farm women until our next issue. Other important features have also been held over to give space for various U.F.A. Convention features, and news of Locals is similarly affected.

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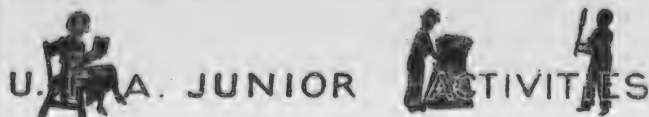
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JUNIOR PRESIDENT STRESSES NEED FARM UNITY

EDMONTON, Alta. — Describing the work of the Canadian Youth Congress which he attended last year, K. George Thring, Junior President, in his address to the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. here, declared that in spite of the fact that the young Canadians who attended were from every section of the Dominion and represented every walk of life, as well as nearly every imaginable viewpoint, "the Congress made it clear that the younger generation is more capable of real co-operation than any group I have seen or heard of outside the U.F.A."

The youth of Canada, he said, realized at that time "that they would soon be confronted with a war, and they were unanimous in the belief that to win the war we must conscript all wealth before man power. I also was impressed by the fact that the youth of our country stand in readi-

ness to fight to the last for the cause of freedom."

Must Take Lead

Last, but not least, the Congress convinced him that "the farming industry must take the lead in the next few years or our cause is going to be lost forever."

Mr. Thring stressed the need to bring the Juniors and Seniors closer together in the organization. He said that the Farm Young People's Week at Edmonton remained the high-light of the year for the Juniors. "One enters whole-heartedly into the studies, lectures and leisure time, with the result that seven or eight days seem to have taken wings," he declared. "Before the young people realize what has happened, they are home, with every head filled to the brim with new things they never thought of before, new associates who are now real friends, and a longing to go next June."

Need Farm Unity

Mr. Thring reviewed the work of organization carried on during his period in office, stating that he had a difficult task in seeking to live up to the precedent set by Miss Archibald. "We of the Junior U.F.A.," he said, "followed the Seniors in that we have no political affiliations in any way, shape or form." Referring to the need for farm unity, he declared: "We must realize that unless we get together and work out our difficulties we shall never get a bit further ahead, no matter how hard we work as individuals. How can we expect some other cause to do our work for us, and how can we ever expect to succeed unless we get out of our shell of independence and work for the good of all the farmers and less for self?"

Farm Home and Garden

Chicken Pot Pie: Put 2 cups diced cooked chicken into greased casserole, cover with sauce made of 1-1/4 cups milk or chicken stock (or half and half), 2-1/2 tablespoons quick cooking tapioca, 1/2 teaspoon salt, dash of pepper, and 2 tablespoons melted butter. Bake in hot oven 25 minutes, stirring twice; then place 6 or 8 raw biscuits, rolled rather thin, over chicken mixture and bake 12 to 15 minutes longer.

Nut Bread: Sift together 4 cups flour with 4 teaspoons baking powder and 1 teaspoon salt. Add 1 cup sugar and 1 cup walnut meats, then 1 beaten egg and 2 cups milk. Beat until smooth. Put into greased baking-powder tins, let rise half an hour and bake in moderate oven 30 to 45 minutes. Serve sliced and buttered; or make into sandwiches with a little cream cheese or jelly.

Savory Escalloped Fillets: Cut 2 lbs. fillets of haddock, halibut or other fresh fish into individual servings, roll and fasten with toothpicks. Place in buttered baking dish. Cover with sauce made of 2 tablespoons butter, 3 tablespoons of flour, and 3 cups scalded milk, 1 cup grated cheese, salt and pepper, sprinkle with paprika and bake in hot oven about 30 minutes.

Lima Loaf: Combine 2 cups cooked Lima or other dried beans with 2 tablespoons minced onion, 2 tablespoons tomato catsup, 3 tablespoons melted butter or dripping, 1 beaten egg, salt, pepper, and 1 cup soft bread crumbs. Pack in a buttered loaf pan and bake in a moderate oven about 25 minutes.

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Junior News Items

Kathleen Saunders is the new secretary of Lincoln Junior U.F.A.

Cecil Young, Francis Nicoll and Margaret Nicoll are the officers of Vandyne Junior U.F.A. this year.

Russell Stasel, Doreen Hepburn and Rol. Felch are the officers of Loyalty Junior U.F.A. this year.

Maurice Sullivan was elected president of Consort Junior U.F.A. at the annual meeting and Frances Wilson secretary.

Nonpareil Juniors (Gleichen) intend to send some of their members to Young People's Week in June, writes Betty Umbrite, secretary. Gordon Hall is president and Donald McArthur vice-president.

With forty paid-up members, Arrowwood Juniors had eighteen meetings last year and an average attendance of 24, writes Thelma Brown, secretary. They put on two dances, and took their play, "The Scarecrow Creeps" to three different towns. They went on trips to the Badlands and to the Highwood. Ida Mae Williams is president, Margaret Sheeran, vice-president, and Laura Jane Williams, treasurer.

Anniversary Banquet

Nearly two hundred U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. members, from all parts of the Province, attended the Twenty-fifth Anniversary banquet of the U.F.W.A. Held in the Masonic Temple on the Tuesday evening of Convention Week, between the afternoon and evening sessions, the banquet proved a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. Mrs. Malloy Berger presided, and introduced the artists who gave a very fine program—Miss Jean Kirkpatrick, Miss Donna Campbell and Miss Margaret Stevens, and Gustave Lindscoog. A birthday cake, donated by Hillside U.F.W.A., was adorned with 25 candles; these were lit, and blown out, at the appropriate times, by George Thring, Junior President.

Activities of Farm

Women's Locals

Kia-Ora is the name chosen for a new U.F.W.A. Local near Acme; Mrs. Cora Kerns, Mrs. E. Wood and Mrs. M. Pearson are officers pro tem.

Meeting at the home of Mrs. F. Madge, with the new president, Mrs. Barker, in the chair, Conrich U.F.W.A. heard a report of the Convention from their delegate, Mrs. W. Fallis.

Utopia U.F.W.A. plans to do some Red Cross work this year, make a quilt, and make a study of rug-making, writes Mrs. Walter Upton, secretary. Mrs. Robert Smith and Mrs. Geo. Cummins are the other officers.

Members of Horse Hill U.F.W.A. recently presented Mrs. Jean Appleby with a handsome purse, in appreciation of her services as Local Secretary. Mrs. Appleby has been re-elected for another year; Mrs. C. M. West is president and Mrs. W. G. Clark vice-president.

With 23 paid up members, Arrowwood U.F.W.A. had an average attendance of 20.7 at 18 meetings held last year. Mrs. P. E. Stull, Mrs. D. W. Hause, Mrs. R. W. Sharpe and Mrs. John Williams were all re-elected to office at the annual meeting.

Seafeld U.F.W.A. (Ponoka) realized a good sum from their whist drive, sale of work and raffle. Ten of their members attended the Annual Convention for one day, although the temperature was 20 below. Officers are Mrs. M. Marten, Mrs. J. Paterson and Mrs. B. Pendleton.

"I am listening to the U.F.A. dance broadcast from the Macdonald Hotel as I write," states Mrs. Chas. E. Miller, secretary of Lealholme U.F.W.A., Chauvin; "How I would like to be there! But we have enjoyed the broadcasts and feel the Convention has been very successful. So pleased to hear Mrs. Ross speak tonight, and to know she has been appointed our president." Mrs. Miller adds that Lealholme U.F.W.A. have sent donations to the Red Cross and to Sunshine, besides helping pay for tonsil operations for three local children. Mrs. J. E. Neil was re-elected president.

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Call on Government to Set Price to Meet Average Production Costs

By unanimous vote the U.F.A. Convention decided to "petition the Dominion Government to adopt such measures as are necessary to set a price upon agricultural products which will return to the farmer the average cost of production, based upon a reasonable standard of living."

The resolution, submitted by the Board, sets forth that the farming industry has for years been in a precarious condition, as a result not only of low prices for farm products but also of rising prices for commodities the farmer has to buy; that such prices have risen owing to "tariff protection, monopoly control, exchange rates, etc.," and that these conditions in agriculture are "detrimental to the whole of Canada."

Wheat and Munitions

Another resolution adopted set forth that since the war began production and living costs have already risen seriously, "wartime profiteering and exchange rates having already added 11 per cent to the cost of all machinery repairs and other goods entering Canada from the United States." Adding that "it is the duty of the Canadian Government to give the Canadian wheat growers the same consideration as is given to the manufacturers of munitions and other war necessities," wheat being also a necessity of war, the resolution asks the Government to set and maintain the price of wheat at parity at all times with the prices of other commodities, including munitions.

The Convention adopted further,

Plan Co-ordination of U.F.A.-Central Alberta Livestock Association

Co-ordination of the work of the two Province-wide bodies engaged in the effort to better farm conditions may be brought about as the result of a decision reached by the recent U.F.A. Convention.

These bodies are the U.F.A. itself and the Central Alberta Livestock Association, which is in fact, in spite of its name, the co-ordinating agency of all the Agricultural Improvement Associations and Agricultural Associations in the Province.

First step towards this general co-ordination of the work of the two Provincial organizations, will be the carrying out of instructions to the U.F.A. Board of Directors "to invite the co-operation of the Central Alberta Livestock Association, with the aim of having that organization look after the livestock part of our work."

It is pointed out that the Central Alberta Livestock Association "has done valuable work in livestock marketing and general improvement, leading to betterment of the livestock industry and in the treatment to eradicate the warble and bot fly, and that such work could be enlarged by a closer relationship to the U.F.A. organization." As announced elsewhere, a conference dealing with this problem opens in Calgary today.

a resolution from the Returned Men's section, favoring "a policy whereby every farmer in Canada be guaranteed a minimum price on all agricultural products consumed in Canada, the maximum income from guarantees not to exceed \$2,000 from either one or a combination of such products, the money to finance this guaranteed price to be found from the price of the finished article manufactured from such products."

World Wheat Situation

Wheat prices have been slowly receding on the principal exchanges, the most marked recession being in Buenos Aires, where the delivery period is in full swing. No minimum prices were fixed by the Argentina Wheat Board this season, and there is considerable hedging pressure. While the Argentina crop is small—only 147 million bushels—the carryover is substantial and the nation will have a surplus of at least 120 million bushels, of which possibly 75 million will be available for export to Europe.

In North America the Chicago exchange seemed to lead the decline in prices. "Bearishness" was based on the expectation that the winter wheat crop would be improved because of widespread snowfalls; also the prospect that about 160 million bushels of wheat, which had been kept off the market because of loans made thereon by the Government to the farmers, would be redeemed by the latter and sold in the open market.

In Winnipeg the feeling was prevalent that the United Kingdom satisfied her requirements for a considerable period with her recent purchases of around 90 million bushels of wheat. Then too, there seems to be a downward trend in the commodity price level which has been developing since the first of the year. The buoyancy which characterized the commodity markets in December of last year has been considerably reduced with the advent of 1940.

World Wheat Production

The estimate of world wheat production in 1939, excluding the U.S.S.R. and China, indicates a crop of 4,273 million bushels. This is 300 million bushels less than the 1938 harvest, but the large carryover at the beginning of the season (1,101 million bushels) gives a total supply of 5,374 million for the year.

If the world disappearance reached four billion bushels this year, the world carryover on July 31st, 1940, would be 1,374 million bushels, an all-time record.

In tabular form the situation is as follows:

	1939-40	1938-39
(million bushels)		
World carryover (beginning season).....	1,101	587
World production.....	4,273	4,573
Russian net exports.....	0	34
Total world supplies.....	5,374	5,194
World disappearance.....	4,000	4,093
World carryover, July 31st.....	1,374	1,101

Factors to Remember

These statistics indicate a "bearish" picture, but there are several very important factors to remember, among them being:

1. The United States winter wheat crop has been pretty well ruined. It will hardly produce 400 million bushels. The total 1940 wheat production in the United States will likely be 600 million bushels, which will put that country on a domestic basis.

2. Argentina harvested the second smallest crop in her history in 1939 and her surplus is no longer a problem.

3. The warring nations in Europe have through their leaders announced the implacable determination to continue the struggle to the end, and there now seems no hope of an early peace. The present lull on the Western front is likely to be followed by a furious battle in the springtime. There seems to be a likelihood of the war spreading northward and southward in Europe.

4. Western Canada's wheat area went into the winter very dry. Government reports indicate most of the region is startlingly deficient in moisture. D. G. MacKay, crop observer from Indianhead, says that 70 per cent of the wheat acreage in 1940 will start the growing season entirely dependent upon seasonal moisture. Unless the 1940 spring is a wet one, crop prospects are poor.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Jan. 30th.—The cattle market is slow with prices about steady. Medium to good butcher steers are \$5.75 to \$6.25 with top light-weights up to \$6.50, common to plain \$5 to \$5.50; good to choice heifers \$6 to \$6.75, common to medium \$5 to \$5.75; good to choice fed calves \$6.50 to \$7; good cows \$4.25 to \$4.75; good bulls \$4.25 to \$4.50, tops to \$4.75. Good to choice veal calves are \$7.50 to \$8.50, common to medium \$5 to \$7; plain to good stocker and feeder steers \$4.50 to \$5.50. Hogs are slightly higher with selects at \$8.95, bacon \$8.45 and butchers \$7.45 off trucks.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Jan. 30th.—Trading is somewhat slow on the cattle market with prices holding barely steady. Good to choice fed calves are \$6.50 to \$7; good to choice steers \$6 to \$6.50, common to medium \$3.50 to \$5.75; good to choice heifers \$5.50 to \$6.25, odd tops \$6.50; common to medium \$3.75 to \$5.25; good to choice cows \$4 to \$4.50; canners and cutters \$2.75 down; bulls \$3 to \$4.50. Stockers and feeders lack demand with steers at \$5 to \$5.50 and heifers \$4.75 down. Good to choice lightweight vealers are \$9 to \$9.50. The hog market is about steady with selects \$9, bacon \$8.50 and butchers \$7.50, off trucks.

Dairy Market

The butter market is rather weak and sellers have been refusing to accept buyers' offers with a result that there is a small turnover. It is generally felt that the market will continue along present levels for some time yet. Montreal is quoted at 27-1/2, Toronto 27-1/4 and Winnipeg 25-3/4, while local prices are unchanged—28c for first grade prints and 25c for special grade butterfat.

Crop Improvement

Plans of the Alberta Crop Improvement Association for the improvement of commercial grain in Alberta, as set forth by Howard P. Wright, will be dealt with in an important article which we hope to publish in our next issue. It has been held over in order to give space to features dealing with the recent U.F.A. Convention.

Exports of wheat and flour from the wheat exporting countries of the world from July to November of 1939 were 245 million bushels, as compared with 215 million bushels during the same period of the previous year.

The northern Ireland Department of Agriculture has taken an option on the whole of Canada's certified flax from the 1940 crop. This is to be used for seed.

S. Stevenson, pioneer of the Craigmyle district, and for many years an active U.F.A. supporter, died in Calgary at the age of 84. His wife predeceased him by less than a year.

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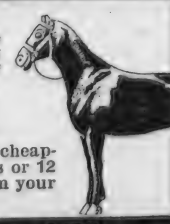
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Complete Control by Government all War Industries Demanded

Would Fix Maximum Income During Wartime—Last War's Crop of 117 Millionaires

With the returned soldier members of the U.F.A., (informally organized in their own section) leading the discussion, the recent Farm Convention expressed its strong demand that measures be taken by the Dominion Government which will at once strengthen Canada's hands in the prosecution of the war and insure that the principle of "equality of sacrifice" shall not be merely a matter of words. Nearly all the resolutions on these matters originated with the returned soldiers section of the U.F.A.

Legislation to bring under complete government control for the duration of the war of all industries and services engaged in the production of war materials, was called for in a resolution adopted by the Convention, on recommendation of the Acadia Provincial Constituency Association.

It was stated that the last war "produced 117 new millionaires in Canada, as well as a tremendous debt burden which the Canadian taxpayers have been unable to reduce."

Maximum Income of \$10,000

That "in justice to those brave lads willing to sacrifice their lives in this cause, every bondholder and property owner be required to register all their holdings, severe penalties being provided for those furnishing false returns, and that a maximum income, whether by salary or otherwise, be set at not more than \$10,000," was the substance of another resolution.

Limit Property Gain

This also demanded that "there shall be no larger gain in property holdings to any party during the period of war than the total of average pay received by members of the army, navy or air force." It was further pointed out that up to the present no serious effort has been made to see that there shall be "equality of sacrifice between those volunteering for active service and those remaining at home," as had been promised.

Facts such as those brought out at the Bren gun inquiry tend to disrupt the national unity desirable at this time of war, another resolution declared. It was therefore recommended that "all public contracts connected with the prosecution of the war be rigorously scrutinized by Parliament as the responsible body, and that anyone found guilty of exploiting our patriotic effort for private gain or political advantage be punished as a traitor to the state in its extremity."

Fair Treatment for Returned Soldiers on Land Strongly Urged

Two important resolutions dealing directly with the problems of returned soldiers of the last war were submitted to the U.F.A. Convention by the returned soldiers' section of the organization and carried unanimously.

The first urged the restoration by the Dominion Government, retroactive to 1937, of the dollar-for-dollar bonus to soldier settlers on current payments.

The second urged that "in the event of the death of a soldier settler whose contract has not been fulfilled, clear title to his S.S.B. land shall at once pass to his immediate dependents." The resolution points out that many returned soldiers are "burnt-out" or prematurely aged, and that conditions during the post-war period made it impossible for many soldier settlers to meet the payments due on their land.

What the Convention Did

Directed Board to call together representatives of every organization which has welfare of agriculture as objective, with view to achieving unity in one major organization for Alberta and furthermore, to explore possibility of uniting agricultural organizations throughout Canada.

Directed Board to set up small committee to meet similar committee of the U.F.C. (Alberta Section) to discuss ways and means of insuring that there shall be "but one organization to speak for and represent the farmers".

Held important session on Junior U.F.A. affairs, capably presided over by George Thring, Junior President, and addressed by Mrs. M. E. Lowe, Senior Convener on Junior Work, Miss Blanche Paulsen and Donald Sinclair, Vice-Presidents.

Heard important addresses by leaders in many fields of farm activity, including A. W. Ricker, representative of Farmers' Union in Central States, and had members of Junior Grain clubs as guests.

Heard George E. Coote on work of Canadian Chamber of Agriculture.

Heard objective of U.F.C. (Alberta Section) set forth by A. M. Boutillier, Vice-President.

Asked Canada Wheat Board be continued.

Asked Canadian Wheat Board to make adjustments of spreads, which are out of line with open market; and passed other important resolutions on grain marketing which are reported elsewhere in this issue.

Urged pegging of price of coarse grains.

Asked Dominion and Provincial Governments to give representation to organized farmers on all boards or commissions that directly affect farmers' interest.

Opposed raising of 5,000 bushel limit on wheat bought by Wheat Board.

Urged amendment Prairie Farm Assistance Act to strike out provision of one per cent levy.

Urged average yields of wheat to ascertain eligibility for bonus be obtained from secretary-treasurers of rural municipalities and local improvement districts by authorities operating Prairie Farm Assistance Act.

Asked farmer representation on advisory board of P.F.R.A.

Called for adequate representation of farm people on board of Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Defeated proposal that referendum be taken before conscription can be introduced during the war.

Asked abolition of Social Service Tax.

Instructed Executive to interview Price Spreads Board, Minister of Agriculture and others concerned, with objective of reducing spread between prices paid farmers for turkeys and price charged consumer.

Asked provision be made for vote in five years' time to determine whether any of the larger school divisions "wish to return to the original school districts."

Pledged support to Alberta sugar industry by exclusive use of Alberta beet sugar and urged Locals to press their members to follow this policy wherever possible.

Urged removal of the tax on beet sugar, to encourage erection of sugar beet factories in irrigated areas. (Delegates from the sugar beet districts spoke effectively on these resolutions).

Called for setting up of a Water Conservation Board for Alberta consisting of one member from each irrigation project.

Asked producer-controlled marketing board be set up for Alberta.

Called for immediate steps to set up full program of state medicine for Alberta, providing for examination, medical treatment, hospitalization and dental care.

Passed other resolutions upon matters of importance to agriculture.

UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA

A Message from the President

The thirty-second Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta is over, but the decisions arrived at may have an important bearing on the daily lives of the farm people of the Province for many years to come. Owing to the cold and stormy weather the attendance was not as large as expected. Many delegates and visitors who had arranged to come to the Convention by car were at the last moment deterred by the weather conditions. A very pleasing and noticeable feature of the Convention was the keenness displayed in debate. As the years pass delegates, either through a better understanding of the farm problems, or through a special study of the matters under discussion, present their viewpoint with ever increasing clarity and forcefulness.

In my judgment the most important subject debated was the question of unity and united action by the farm people and all farm organizations owned and controlled by the farmers. There are many aspects to this question, and some of these were discussed under separate resolutions. For instance a resolution was passed requesting the Board of Directors to appoint a Committee of three to approach and negotiate with a similar committee appointed by the United Farmers of Canada (Alberta Section) regarding the possibility of amalgamating these two Organizations, and to report to the next annual U.F.A. Convention the results of their endeavours. The Board instructed the U.F.A. Executive to appoint the Committee and proceed with the negotiations. This Committee will be appointed at the next meeting of the Executive in March.

We have in the Province of Alberta the Co-operative Council, composed of co-operative consumer and producer organizations. Because the Co-operative Council is composed of co-operative organizations the U.F.A., under the present rules and bylaws, cannot qualify for membership. The U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association is a member of the Council. The Alberta Co-operative Council is the Alberta affiliate of the Dominion Chamber of Agriculture. The U.F.A. is not affiliated with the Chamber, and for the reason that only one organization from each Province is permitted to be a member of the Dominion Chamber of Agriculture. It is contended that the Alberta Co-operative Council is more representative of agriculture than is the U.F.A. The Alberta Council's membership is made up of two types of organizations. One type is engaged in co-operative buying and the other in co-operative selling. While these organizations are performing a very useful and necessary service to the farmers it cannot be said that they are truly representative of agriculture as a whole because they represent commodity interests.

The latest proposals are to the effect that the Co-operative Council be re-organized on a broader basis so as to permit the inclusion of all organizations owned and controlled by the farmers; including educational organizations such as the U.F.A. If this is accomplished in Alberta and similar organizations are set up in the other Provinces and all of these are affiliated through the Dominion Chamber of Agriculture, then we will have a national organization that can speak with authority for the farmers of Canada.

The Canadian Council of Agriculture rendered invaluable service to the farmers of Canada. It ceased to exist in 1931 because the farmers did not give sufficient support to the organizations that composed the Council. There is greater need for a virile national farmers' organization than ever before. It will be economic suicide for us to further neglect this important matter. I appeal to the farmers of Alberta to join and support your educational organization, the U.F.A., and thereby assist in building up a national organization that will speak with one voice and authority on behalf of the Canadian farmer.

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SPORT

Followers of the hockey broadcasts over CJCL are getting a test as to their knowledge of the various players this year. An all-star selection campaign has been inaugurated by the sponsors which will offer prize money for the winner. The object is to find out who can pick the all star team of the senior league, the all star team of the N.H.L. and the most valuable player in the Alberta hockey league for this year. Results of the announcement are already being noticed in the daily mails and when the official all-star lineups are announced the winners will be declared.

How far away from Calgary do the listeners follow CJCL programs. That's a question the program production department has asked and as a result a new "Quiz" program is being planned which will answer the question. To date the routine of the show hasn't been completed, but within the next two or three weeks announcements will be made which will get the results that the Station management wants and will at the same time offer a highly entertaining program to the listening audience.

"Woodhouse and Hawkins," a program that is definitely associated with the radio development of Calgary, will once again be heard through CJCL program releases. The two lads responsible for this show coming out of Winnipeg studios of the CBC are former Calgaryans and received their start in the local field of radio.

CJCL has arranged to carry this program—9:30 till 10 o'clock on Friday nights—unless unavoidable changes in programs for hockey broadcasts or political discussions are required.

One of CJCL's staff has definitely moved into the field of sport. Mel Friend, who for years has been quite an athletic lad in Calgary activities, is now associated with the Commercial Department of CJCL. Besides taking time out to coach a Juvenile and Junior hockey club, Mel has also accepted a linesman's officiating position with the Senior League of the Province. Mel, willing to tackle a tough job at any time, has certainly grabbed a handful in taking over a referee's job, particularly in this hotly contested Alberta Senior League.

This week the 36th annual Southern Alberta Bonspiel is being staged in Calgary with a grand entry of 55 rinks including several military teams. While the June weather is playing havoc with the ice, enthusiasm is at a new high and competition is exceptionally keen. Even hockey is taking a back seat this week and if you don't know or can't talk curling you're practically an outcast.

Johnny Thompson, Calgary sportsman, and well known to all rugby followers in Alberta, heads the Western Interprovincial Football Union for 1940. Despite losses for every team in the Conference—both in finances and man power—the West is assured of first-class football during 1940. And speaking of doings on the gridiron, Calgary is pleased to hear that Paul Rowe—the colorful star of the Foothills club—will, in all probability, be in the Bronks' line-up again this season. Paul is established in business at Calgary and it's quite reasonable to expect that he's going to look after his position as well as play a little football.

Calgary Stampeders are still leading the Alberta Senior Hockey League, which loop, by the way, has been turning out some games lately with scores that slightly resemble war debts—15-1 and 12-4 to name a couple. Sixteen goals in one hockey game, in this writer's opinion, get a little monotonous—a crowd cannot be expected get up and really cheer a scorer sixteen times in one night.

The National Hockey League honor place is still being nursed by New York Rangers who seem to be determined to keep it for some time yet. Milt Schmidt, young centre of the Boston Bruins is at present leading the big-time scorers. Schmidt, according to manager Art Ross, will be numbered among hockey's all time stars.

"Enclosed find \$1 for renewal subscription to The Western Farm Leader. We enjoy the paper very much and long may it continue to champion the cause of the farmers of Western Canada."—Theo. Reist, R.R. 2, Didsbury.

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

For the life of us we can't understand why Walter Winchell, that coiner of caustic commentaries, hasn't yet referred to the Fuehrer as Madolf Hitler.

Nunno, Algernon, just because they have a blackout every night, it is not correct to say that England is on "Moonlight Saving Time."

AW, RATS!

Recent Calgary radio broadcast stated that rats fed on milk thrived better than those who were not. Yep, but who wants to be a rat?

News item says that Beauty Parlors are on the increase. Proving, as Cynical Gus intimates, that you can fool most of the women all the time.

CONGRATULATIONS IRENE
From All the Leader Gang

We can't find a rhyme for Williams,
And Irene thinks that a shame,
So, of course, just to oblige us,
She will kindly change her name.

Yes, next week, she will be going
To the realm where Hymen's king,
Safe within that magic CIRCLE,
That is called a wedding BING.

Though her SALAD days are over,
The LEADER would this wish impress:
May the future never bring her
Too much MUSTARD with her CRESS.
—The W.F.L. Gang.

The pen may be mightier than the sword, but a pretty stenographer can turn out a lot more work than either of 'em.

According to A.G., of Ogden, a woman buys her complexion, but it evidently pays for itself.

A Portland, Oregon, writer declares that all wives "have a cross to bear." Yep, and most husbands a double cross, snorts the Bad Egg from Crow's Nest.

WALLY GETS LEAP YEAR
PROPOSAL
(Thenxth to E.H.L.)

Dear Wally:—O-oh, I muth know you, poor dear Wally! I know you think that you are an incurable bachelor. But my womanth heart can thee the yearning thoult you mathkth with bitter wordth! I can clothe my eyeth and thee you—tall—a little theorn-fu like the theik—withtful like Robert Taylor—dreaming of a womanth theoothing hand upon your weary brow—I feel you are bound to me by thilver threadth of understanding—think of the long Indian thummer eveningth we will thpend together! I can play "Let Uth Build a Thtairway to the Thtairth" on the piano and I'm learning I muth have one more kith, kith, kith—and I love to rethite poetry. Love and Kitheth.

—Thally.

It seems that Thally has forgotten that 1940 is "Look Before You Leap" Year.

Communication from Nan of Nanton says she thinks she must be suffering from aspasia as she can't remember a thing she did on New Year's Eve. My gosh, Nan, neither can we.

OH, THESE WOMEN

We see by the papers that the members of the various women's military organizations have been given nicknames. F'instance: The Womens Royal Naval Service are the WRENS—presumably because they give the sailors the bird. The Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service members are the WATS. Yep, you've guessed it. They're the gals who know Wat's wat. The sweet young things of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry are known as the FANNIES. They must have a sit down job. And the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force are called WAAFS. They, of course, not only look after the Waafs but the Strays as well.

LIMERICK

There was a young soldier named Mavety,
Who hated all Nazi depravity,
He was armed to the hilt,
But the pleats of his kilt,
Were pinned at the rear with a safety.

—E.B., Calgary.

Now that a Provincial election is approaching, it might be well for a lot of candidates to remember that you can't beat the band by merely tooting your own horn.

Nope, and you can't make a strike by just knocking the other fellow.

WHY TEACHERS GET GREY
"Signs of the Times mean the billboards along the highways."

German authorities have decreed that silk bathing suits are a luxury. Personally, we should have thought they were a bare necessity.

Crusty Bill, who is not a bachelor, declares that single blessedness is just a matter o' money.

And a whole flock of fragrant roses to F.M.F., for her Column "As a Woman Sees It" in the Calgary Herald. Easily the best woman's column being published in this fair Dominion. And we don't mean maybe.

We understand that the delegates at the recent U.F.A., convention at Edmonton were loud in their praises of The Western Farm Leader. Proving, Mister Editor, that people DO read Mustard and Cress.

We see where a number of Russian soldiers were drowned when their tanks went through the ice. It's too bad, but they hadn't a Finn to swim with.

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Soviet Attacks Japan
Methods in China

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In the same broadcast considerable criticism was voiced of the methods used in dealing with the share croppers of the United States. Little was said about the wars that were going on in Europe, but listeners were given a thrilling account of the exploits of Soviet airmen in conducting scientific surveys in the Arctic.

Importing cheap Japanese-made electric light bulbs, one American firm, according to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, put them in bases stamped "Made in U.S.A." and packed them in cartons marked "American Made for American Trade."

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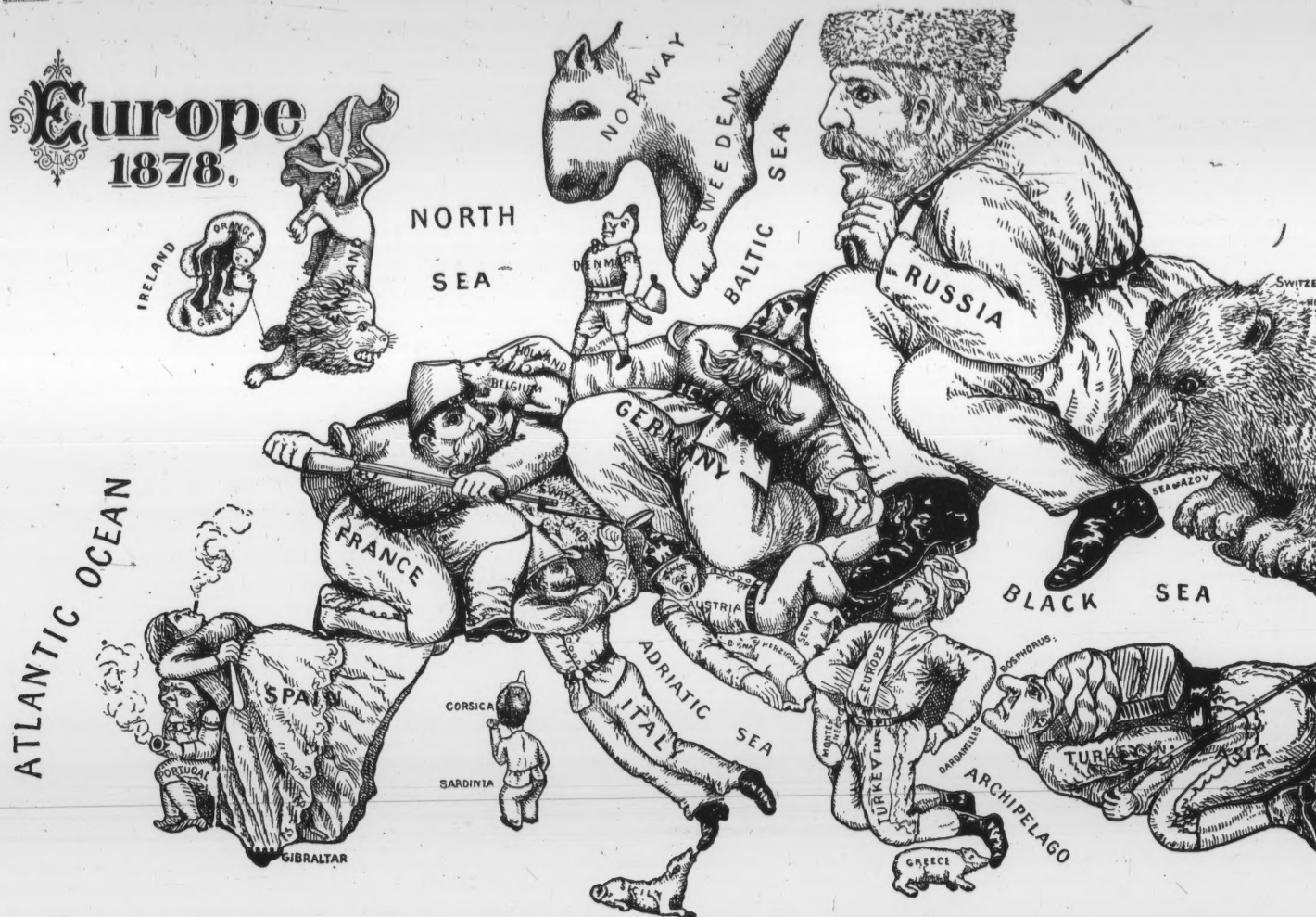
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Sixty-two Years Later Europe Presents Somewhat Similar Set-up



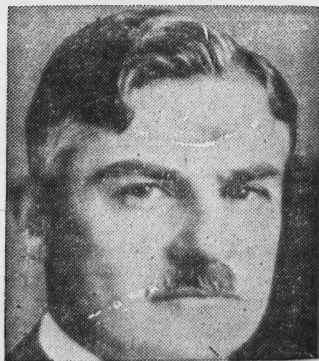
Supporters of the perhaps somewhat misleading dogma about "history repeating itself" would find ammunition for their argument in this 62-year-old map. The work of an unknown artist, it presents the European scene in 1878 from historical and geographical angles. It was recently uncovered by W. H. Head of the Ontario department of lands and forests, who believes it has been in his family since it was published.

The amazing thing about the pictorial map is that it might almost have been a prediction of the set-up in 1940, though there are differences

which cannot be discussed here, which are perhaps fundamental. The explanation details the following: "Ireland still torn by faction; England roused and fully armed; Norway and Sweden passive but alarmed; Denmark proud but not wealthy; France ready to spring on Germany the first chance; Italy threatens Russia; Spain and Portugal smoke away indifferently; Germany, hoodwinked by Russia, will find herself in the same boat as Austria if she does not wake up; Austria held down by Germany and toes trod on by Russia; Turkey crushed by Russia and tor-

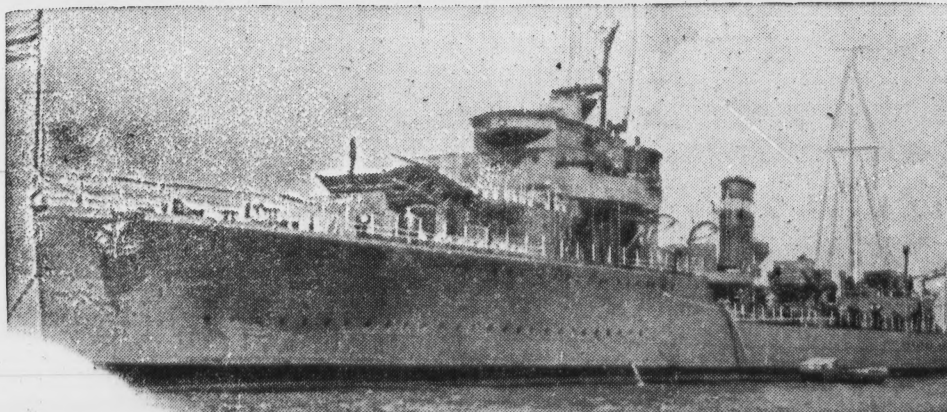
tured by the small fry; Russia, the Christian 'Colossus of the north'; Switzerland like a hedgehog, small but unpleasant to handle." The animated map was drawn at the time of the Russo-Turkish war, seven years after the Franco-Prussian war. Bosnia and Herzegovina had revolted against Turkey, threatening her very existence, in 1875. The revolt had spread to Serbia and Bulgaria and Russia intervened in favor of the Christian peoples of the Balkans. In the spring of 1878 England appeared on the point of entering the field.

New Chairman of C.B.C.



René Morin of Montreal, who has been appointed chairman of the Board of Governors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Formerly Vice-Chairman of the C.B.C., he has been a director of the General Trust Corporation of Montreal. General Odium, of Vancouver, is the new Vice-Chairman.

Exmouth Goes Down With Its Distinguished Commander



Decorated in December for successful action against submarines, Capt. R. S. Benson perished when his ship, H.M.S. *Exmouth*, was mined or torpedoed. The entire crew of 188 officers and men were lost in the sinking of the \$1,500,000 flotilla leader.

It was the fifth destroyer to be lost by the navy, the second since the *Grenville* went down under the same circumstances in the North sea with loss of 81 men and the first to carry all its crew down to death.